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Thursday, March 26, 2020.

Met at seven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Timilty in the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. Timilty), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Report of a Committee.

The following report was received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Thursday, March 26 at twenty-eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, and placed on file to wit:

Report of the Senate Committee on Ethics concerning the conduct of Senator Dean A. Tran (Senate, No. 2616):

Report and recommendations of the Senate Committee on Ethics.

- In so much as relates to Resolutions resolving the investigation into the conduct of the Honorable Dean A. Tran, Senator from the Worcester and Middlesex District (see Senate, No. 2616, Appendix A)

Report.

Report of the Commission on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (pursuant to Section 69(h) of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its eleventh annual report for the calendar year 2019 (received March 24, 2020),-- was placed on file.

MassGRG,-- annual report. SD2887

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Cyr, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1143), a Bill relative to equity in suicide prevention (Senate, No. 2610); and

Prisoners suicide prevention,-- commission.

By Ms. Comerford, for the committee on Public Health, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1263), a Bill relative to a special commission on support group model integration in health care (Senate, No. 2611);

Support groups,-- commission.

Severally read and, under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently

By Ms. Comerford, for the committee on Public Health, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2465), a Bill relative to emergency insulin access (Senate, No. 2613); and

Insulin,-- access.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1239), a Bill ensuring consumer choice and equal access to eye care (Senate, No. 2614);

Optometrists,-- eye care.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Comerford, for the committee on Public Health, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1269), a Bill to support rural volunteer emergency medical technicians (Senate, No. 2612); and

Emergency medical technicians,-- volunteer.

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill relative to a

Service based retirement allowance.

service based retirement option for Group 1 and Group 2 career employees (Senate, No. 1469);

**Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Election Laws, on the message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill authorizing the town of Scituate to establish the date of its annual town election (printed in Senate, No. 2497);

**Read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Scituate,-- elections.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Paul R. Feeney, James J. O'Day, Tami L. Gouveia, Stephan Hay and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide certain state employees sick leave for COVID-19 related absences.

COVID-19,--  
sick leaves.  
SD2870

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Senate Ways and Means.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 4398, in part, reported a "Bill ensuring access to qualified health professionals" (Senate, No. 2615).

Health professionals,-  
- access.

**The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

By Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Falmouth as the Deputy John Robert Kotfila, Jr. memorial bridge (House, No. 3170).

Falmouth,-- John  
Robert Kotfila, Jr.  
memorial bridge.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: "An Act designating a certain bridge in the town of Falmouth as the Deputy John Robert Kotfila, Jr. memorial bridge".**

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jessica Zamansky, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance (Senate, No. 2603).

Jessica Zamansky,--  
sick leave.

**The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Trek Reef, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (Senate, No. 2604).

Trek Reef,--  
sick leave.

**The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

*Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.*

There being no objection, the following matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The Senate Bill relative to the terms for members of the zoning board of appeals of the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 2369) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Somerville,--  
zoning board.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The House Bill exempting certain affordable housing in the city of Boston from public procurement laws (House, No. 3696) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Boston,--  
affordable housing.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Methuen to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4142, amended) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Methuen,--  
liquor license.

*Recess.*

There being no objection, at eighteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Timilty) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at quarter past two o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, the Mr. Rush in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Recess.

*Committee Changes.*

The Chair (Mr. Rush) announced the resignation of Senator Brady of Plymouth and Bristol as a member of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and the appointment of Senator Rodrigues of Bristol and Plymouth to fill the vacancy.

Committee on Bills  
in the Third Reading,  
- changes.

**Subsequently, the Chair (Mr. Rush) announced the resignation of Senator Rodrigues of Bristol and Plymouth as a member of the said committee and the reappointment of Senator Brady of Plymouth and Bristol thereto.**

*Report of a Committee.*

The Senate Committee on Ethics, submits Senate Resolutions resolving the investigation of the conduct of the Honorable Dean A. Tran, Senator from the Worcester and Middlesex District (Senate, No. 2616, Appendix A),-- **were read; and they were adopted.**

Senator Tran,--  
conduct.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

The following House Orders (severally approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) were considered as follows:

*Ordered,* That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Health Care Financing be granted until Friday, May 1, 2020 within which time to make its final report on all matters referred to them.

Health Care  
Financing,--  
extension order.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4584) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.**

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Revenue be granted until Friday, April 10, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 10, 1667, 1668, 1672, 1679, 1694, 1720, 1727, 1729, 2318 and 2586, and House documents numbered 2423, 2457, 2497, 2519, 2530, 2535, 2552, 2592, 2599, 2603, 2610, 2653, 2660, 3637, 3691, 3888, 4208, 4514 and 4516.

Revenue,-- extension order.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4569) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.**

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., and the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of Mr. Rodrigues, at twenty-two minutes past two o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.