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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020**

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

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

Pledge of allegiance.

### *Communication.*

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 2E of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019) submitting a Fiscal Year 2020 revised transfer schedule for the following account: 1595-1068 Medical Assistance Trust Fund (received March 31, 2020),-- **was placed on file.**

Comptroller,--  
revised transfer  
schedule. SD2893

### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill relative to disability or death caused by infectious diseases, presumption (Senate, No. 1485);

Police and  
firefighters,--  
infectious diseases.

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

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill revising the town charter of Lunenburg (Senate, No. 2557) [Local approval received];

Lunenburg,-- town  
charter.

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

### *Committees Discharged.*

Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the Senate Bill establishing a special commission to study the noise effects of hunting migratory game birds in neighborhoods and communities within established coastal zones (Senate, No. 411);

Game birds,--  
hunting.

Of the Senate Bill relative to senior and non-elderly disabled housing (Senate, No. 2529);

Disabled housing,--  
senior.

Of the Senate Bill relative to attainable housing in seasonal communities (Senate, No. 2530);

Seasonal  
communities,--  
affordable housing.  
Suicide prevention,--  
commission.  
Support groups,--  
commission.

Of the Senate Bill relative to equity in suicide prevention (Senate, No. 2610); and

Of the Senate Bill relative to a special commission on support group model integration in health care (Senate, No. 2611);

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Rules.

**Under Senate Rule 36, the reports were severally considered forthwith and accepted.**

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

The House Bill to address challenges faced by municipalities and state authorities resulting from COVID-19 (House, No. 4598, amended),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had concurred in the Senate amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2619, *with a further amendment* by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4612.

COVID- 19,--  
municipal  
governance.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, and the House amendment was considered forthwith.

After remarks, Mr. Rodrigues moved that the Senate concur with the House amendment with a *still further amendment*, by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2622.

**The House further amendment, as amended, was adopted.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence in the still further amendment.**

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow 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-five minutes before twelve o'clock, noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.