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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



**THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020**

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Thursday, April 2, 2020

Met at seven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Timilty in the Chair) (having been appointed, by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

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

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Pledge of allegiance.

### *Petitions.*

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. DiZoglio, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2623) of Diana DiZoglio (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Brian M. Belfiore to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement [Local approval received]; and

Haverhill,--  
Brian M. Belfiore.

By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2624) of Marc R. Pacheco, Patricia A. Haddad and Norman J. Orrall (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the retirement group of Taunton Fire Department Mechanic Michael Perry [Local approval received];

Taunton,--  
Michael Perry  
retirement.

**Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Public Service.**

**Severally sent to the House for concurrence.**

### *Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. Hinds, for the committee on Revenue, on Senate, Nos. 1613 and 1793, a Bill supporting farming on non-contiguous land (Senate, No. 1613);

Agricultural land,--  
non-contiguous.

**Read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

### PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

#### *Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Falmouth as the Deputy John Robert Kotfila, Jr. memorial bridge (see House, No. 3170, amended) (which originated in the House), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Timilty) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before  
Governor.

### *Recess.*

There being no objection, at eight minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Timilty) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate reassembled, Mr. Timilty in the Chair.

Recess.

*Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, on Senate, No. 2598, in part, reported a “Bill providing additional support to those affected by the novel coronavirus through the unemployment insurance system” (Senate, No. 2618).

COVID-19,--  
unemployment  
insurance.

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

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Recess.

There being no objection, at three minutes before twelve o’clock noon, the Chair (Mr. Timilty) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-four minutes past seven o’clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Timilty in the Chair.

Recess.

PAPERS 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 *still further* Senate amendment with a *still still* further amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the Senate) and inserting in place thereof the text of House, No. 4617.

COVID- 19,--  
municipal  
governance.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and after remarks, the Senate concurred in the still still further House amendment.**

*Emergency Preamble Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tracey Pisano, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2556), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0.

Tracey Pisano,--  
sick leave.

**The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Timilty) and sent to the House for enactment.**

*Engrossed Bills.*

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Timilty) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Establishing a sick leave bank for Tracey Pisano, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2556)

Bills laid before the  
Governor.

To address challenges faced by municipalities and state authorities resulting from COVID-19 (House, No. 4598, amended);

*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.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

On motion of the same Senator, at four minutes before eight o'clock, P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.