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Met at ten 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.

Petition.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jason M. Lewis, Nika C. Elugardo and Tram T. Nguyen for legislation relative to emergency paid sick time;

Sick time,--
emergency.
SD2918

Referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Welch, for the committee on Financial Services, on petition, a Bill improving lives by ensuring access to brain injury treatment (Senate, No. 546); and

Cognitive
rehabilitation.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the continuity of care of mental health treatment (Senate, No. 555);

Mental health
treatment,-- care.

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

By Ms. Gobi, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on petition, a Resolve establishing a special legislative commission on young professionals (Senate, No. 233);

Young
professionals,--
special commission.

By Mr. Boncore, for the committee on Transportation, on petition, a Bill relative to a special commission to study MBTA assets in the City of Boston (Senate, No. 2052); and

MBTA,-- real estate
assets.

By Mr. Timilty, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on petition, a Bill establishing a committee to study an appropriate location for a memorial to LGBT service members and veterans (Senate, No. 2153, changed in line 3, by striking out the words "location for a memorial to their service" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "recognition of their service");

LGBT,-- service
members and
veterans.

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

By Ms. Chang-Diaz, for the committee on Cannabis Policy, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1119), a Bill relative to employment protections for medical marijuana patients (Senate, No. 2637);

Medical marijuana,--
patients.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1125), a Bill relative to employment protections for medical marijuana patients (Senate, No. 2638);

Marijuana,-- social
consumption.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1128), a Bill relative to employment protections for medical marijuana patients (Senate, No. 2639);

Medical marijuana,--
patient safety.

By Mr. Boncore, for the committee on Transportation, on petition, a Bill relative to

Ride for hire,--

drug screening for ride for hire drivers (Senate, No. 2032);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to variable pricing e-tolling (Senate, No. 2033) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting];

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to congestion relief in East Boston (Senate, No. 2035);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to congestion in East Boston (Senate, No. 2036);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 2037 and 2285, a Bill relative to transportation governance (Senate, No. 2037);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing a rapid transportation pilot for the Fairmount corridor (Senate, No. 2046);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to examine the feasibility of rail service between North Adams, Greenfield and Boston (Senate, No. 2054);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing a feasibility study to expand rapid transit to Lynn (Senate, No. 2059);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to motor vehicle excise taxes (Senate, No. 2076);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 2061 and House, No. 3012, a Bill relative to work and family mobility (Senate, No. 2641) [Representatives Howitt of Seekonk, Orrall of Lakeville and DeCoste of Norwell dissenting];

By Mr. Timilty, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on petition, a Bill relative to protecting veterans with service dogs (Senate, No. 2158); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to age restrictions for veterans applying to be police officers and firefighters (Senate, No. 2159);

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

By Mr. Timilty, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on petition, Resolutions for a United States Constitutional Amendment and a limited amendment proposing convention (Senate, No. 2163),-- ought to be adopted.

Under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to mitigate arbovirus in the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 4650,-- being a message from His Excellency the Governor),-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Health.**

A Bill providing for the abandonment of a certain sewer line easement in West Roxbury (House, No. 4649,-- on House, No. 3951),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

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 Bruce E. Tarr, Anne M. Gobi, Patrick M. O'Connor and Brendan P. Crighton for legislation relative to preventing price gouging during an emergency.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional

screening.

Tolls,-- variable pricing.

East Boston,-- congestion relief.

East Boston,-- congestion.

MBTA,-- Board of Directors.

Indigo Line Pilot Project.

Greenfield rail service,-- study.

Lynn,-- rapid transit study.

Motor vehicle,-- excise tax.

Drivers licenses,-- lawful presence.

Service dogs,-- veterans.

Veterans,-- age restrictions.

Congressional convention.

Arbovirus,-- mitigate.

West Roxbury,-- land conveyance.

Price gouging,-- prevent.
SD2883

Licensure.

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 Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation relative to voting by mail and early voting.

Vote by mail.
SD2911

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Election Laws.

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 Rebecca L. Rausch and Adrian C. Madaro for legislation to establish vote by mail in 2020.

Id.
SD2912

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Election Laws.

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 Bruce E. Tarr and Anne M. Gobi for legislation to promote financial stability.

COVID-19,--
financial stability.
SD2909

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Financial Services.

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 James B. Eldridge, Nika C. Elugardo, Jack Patrick Lewis, Patrick M. O'Connor and other members of the General Court for legislation to concern business interruption insurance.

Business
interruption,--
insurance.
SD2888

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Financial Services.

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 Bruce E. Tarr, Ryan C. Fattman, Patrick M. O'Connor and Dean A. Tran for legislation relative to healthcare consumer health options and increased care efficiency.

Healthcare,-- options
and efficiency.
SD2863

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Health Care Financing.

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 Michael O. Moore, Marcos A. Devers, Frank A. Moran, Brian M. Ashe and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide emergency assistance to gateway cities for temporary homeless shelters.

Gateway cities,--
homeless shelters.
SD2885

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Housing.

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 Michael O. Moore, Brian M. Ashe, Paul R. Feeney, Peter Capano and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide emergency assistance for municipal public safety overtime.

Municipal public
safety,-- overtime.
SD2886

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition Bruce E. Tarr, William N. Brownsberger, John F. Keenan, Tami L. Gouveia and other members of the General Court

Remote notarization,-
- COVID-19.
SD2882

for legislation relative to remote notarization during COVID-19 state of emergency.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

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 James B. Eldridge and James Arciero for legislation relative to patient safety in nursing homes.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Health.

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 James B. Eldridge, Ruth B. Balser, Liz Miranda, Maria Duaine Robinson and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide equal stimulus checks to immigrant taxpayers.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Recess.

There being no objection, at twenty-five minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Chair (Mr. Rush) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at thirteen minutes past one o'clock, P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Rush in the Chair.

Report of a Committee.

Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 4398, reported, in part, a "Bill providing for virtual notarization to address challenges related to COVID-19" (Senate, No. 2642).

The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Timilty, and the bill was read a second time.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Rodrigues moved to amend the bill by striking out, in lines 21 to 24, inclusive, the words "either: (A) the principal shall visually display the principal's identification credential to the notary public during the video conference and the principal shall transmit to the notary public; or (B) the notary public shall obtain a copy of the front and back of the identification credential, with the executed document or separately through electronic means" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "the principal shall both visually display the principal's identification credential to the notary public during the video conference and also transmit to the notary public a copy of the front and back of the identification credential, either with the executed document or separately through electronic means".

The amendment was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2642, amended) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and, after remarks, passed to be engrossed [For text of Senate Bill printed as amended, see Senate, No. 2645].

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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

Nursing homes,--
patient safety.
SD2914

Immigrant
taxpayers,-- stimulus
checks.
SD2916

Recess.

Virtual notarization.

Time of meeting.

a calendar.

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