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Met at six 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).

The Chair (Mr. Timilty), 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 line item 1599-2040 of Section 2B of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019) submitting its Paid Prior Year Deficiency Report through the third quarter of FY2020 (received April 27, 2020),-- was placed on file.

Comptroller,-- prior year deficiency report. SD2923

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Welch, for the committee on Financial Services, on petition, a Bill relative to removing barriers to non-opioid pain management (Senate, No. 604); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 606), a Bill promoting continuity of care for Multiple Sclerosis treatment (Senate, No. 2660);

Pain management,--barriers.

Multiple sclerosis,--treatment.

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

By Chang-Diaz, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on petition, a Bill relative to mandated reporters of disabled persons abuse (Senate, No. 78);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 75), a Bill providing for diaper changing stations in public buildings and accommodations (Senate No. 2661);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1379), a Bill to strengthen inmate visitation (Senate No. 2662);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2424), a Bill relative to childless individuals with chronic disabilities experiencing homelessness (Senate No. 2663);

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on Senate, No. 107 and House, No. 218, a Bill relative to the digital right to repair (Senate, No. 107);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill providing consumers with equal protection for all real estate appraisals (Senate, No. 123);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 149 and House, No. 248, a Bill relative to the disclosure of toxic chemicals in children's products (Senate, No. 149);

By Mr. Lewis, for the committee on Education, on Senate, Nos. 256 and 257, a Bill

Mandated reporters,--disabled persons.

Diaper changing stations,-- public buildings.

Inmates,-- visitation rights.

Homelessness,-- childless individuals.

Right to repair,--digital.

Real estate appraisals,-consumer protection. Children's products,-- chemicals.

Student nutrition.

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to promote student nutrition (Senate, No. 2664);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 285, 338 and 343, a Bill relative to safety and violence education for students (the SAVE Students Act) (Senate, No. 2665);

By Mr. Welch, for the committee on Financial Services, on petition, a Bill concerning the use of certain insurance underwriting guidelines pertaining to dogs harbored upon the insured property (Senate, No. 595) [Representative Barrows of Mansfield dissenting];

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to continuing education of insurance producers (Senate, No. 598);

By Mr. Moore, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on petition a Bill relative to medical services (Senate, No. 1405);

By Mr. Hinds, for the committee on Revenue, on petition, a Bill relative to establishing a criminal justice and community support trust fund (Senate, No. 1662);

By Mr. Pacheco, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill requiring equality in state documents (Senate, No. 1805);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill ensuring uniformity in education discrimination complaint procedures (Senate, No. 1806);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to protect Native American heritage (Senate, No. 1811);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to public accessibility requirements (Senate, No. 1814); and

By Mr. Boncore, for the committee on Transportation, on petition, a Bill to study the feasibility of high-speed rail access between Pittsfield and Boston via Springfield (Senate, No. 2107);

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

By Mr. Moore, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on petition, a Bill relative to the reduction of certain toxic chemicals in firefighter personal protective equipment (Senate, No. 1400); and

By Mr. Hinds, for the committee on Revenue, on petition, a Bill relative to solar systems on land owned by municipalities or other governmental entities within Barnstable and Dukes Counties (Senate, No. 1632);

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

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 Resolve establishing a special legislative commission on young professionals (Senate, No. 233);

Of the Senate Bill relative to a special commission to study MBTA assets in the City of Boston (Senate, No. 2052); and

Of the Senate Bill establishing a committee to study an appropriate location for a memorial to LGBT service members and veterans (Senate, No. 2153, changed).

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.

Reports of Committees.

SAVE Students Act.

Insurance underwriting guidelines,-- dogs.

Insurance producers,--education.

EMS,-- Dept. of Public Safety.

Criminal Justice and Community Support Trust Fund. State form,-equality.

Education discrimination.

Native Americans,--heritage.

Accessibility requirements.

High-speed rail,--study.

Firefighters,-- protective gear.

Barnstable and Dukes Counties,-- solar power.

Young professionals,-- special commission. MBTA,-- real estate assets.

LGBT veterans,--memorial.

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By Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of James T. Welch and Thomas M. Petrolati for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Angelica Rodriguez, an employee of Department of Children and Families.

Angelica Rodriguez,--sick leave. SD2917

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Orders.

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 Labor and Workforce Development be granted until Friday, June 5, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1045, 1052, 1060 and 1088, and House documents numbered 1651, 1681, 1683, 4192, 4313, 4563, 4564, 4565, 4566 and 4567.

Labor and Workforce Development,-extension order.

Id.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, and the order (House, No. 4594) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Labor and Workforce Development be granted until Friday, June 5, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 3835.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tran, and the order (House, No. 4619) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

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:

Authorizing the town of Salisbury to assume control of the Ring's Island Water District (see Senate, No. 2597); and

Providing for the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Weston (see House, No. 4273).

Bills laid before the Governor.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tran,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again Thursday 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 the same Senator, at seventeen minutes past twelve o'clock, noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.