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

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Chang-Diaz, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 27), a Bill relative to children in the care, protection and custody of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2718);

Children,--
protection.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 29), a Bill relative to the Massachusetts foster care review unit (Senate, No. 2719); and

Foster care,-- review.

By Mr. Moore, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on petition, a Bill establishing a standing commission on operating under the influence and impaired driving (Senate, No. 1439);

Impaired driving,--
commission.

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

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Order, granting the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security until July 1, 2020 within which time to make its final report on a certain current Senate document relative public safety matters (Senate, No. 2715),-- ought to be adopted.

Public Safety and
Homeland Security,--
extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Rodriguez, and the order was considered forthwith an adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Recess.

There being no objection, at seven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Boncore) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and at ten minutes past three o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Boncore in that Chair.

Recess.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill relative to supplemental reserves in the town of Winchendon (Senate, No. 2681).

Winchendon,--
reserves.

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

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 Edward J. Kennedy for legislation relative to summer courses at virtual schools.

Virtual school,--
summer courses.
SD2937

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 Education.

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 Mark C. Montigny, Lori A. Ehrlich, Smitty Pignatelli, Dean A. Tran and other members of the General Court for legislation to prevent COVID-19 deaths in senior living facilities.

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 Elder Affairs.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Senior living facilities,-- deaths. SD2949

PAPERS 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 Revenue be granted until Tuesday, June 16, 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. 4628) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1631, 1635, 1647, 1649, 1651, 1657, 1682, 1689, 1690, 1709, 1713, 1724, 1731, 1749, 1775 and 1782, and House documents numbered 2391, 2412, 2428, 2429, 2432, 2446, 2450, 2455, 2458, 2483, 2494, 2507, 2529, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2589, 2607, 2609, 2636, 3617, 3618, 3731, 3732, 3787, 3788 and 4201.

Ibid.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4629) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4754) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., relative to employment rights and protections for certain commissioned employees;

Employee protections.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4755) of John Barrett, III and Smitty Pignatelli relative to establishing a COVID-19 nonprofit cultural organizations emergency relief fund;

COVID-19,-- nonprofit relief fund.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

Recess.

There being no objection, at fourteen minutes past three o'clock P.M., the Chair (Mr. Boncore) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and at ten minutes past five o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Boncore in that Chair.

Recess.

Report of a Committee.

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported (pursuant to Senate Rule 63) recommending temporary remote voting procedures to be followed by the Senate (Senate, No. 2720).

Remote voting procedures.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith, and, after remarks, was accepted.

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., in a full formal session without a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at thirteen minutes past five o'clock P.M, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.