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Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

Met at a half 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.

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to ensure the collection of COVID-19 data (Senate, No. 2753) (received in the office of the Clerk of the Senate on Monday, June 8, 2020, at six minutes before six o'clock P.M.);

COVID-19,-- data collection.

The message was read; and, under Senate Rule 20, with the accompanying bill, was referred to the committee on Public Health.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Comerford, for the committee on Public Health, on Senate, Nos. 1250, 1251, 1264, 1270, 1278, 1314, 1328, 1329, 1330 and 1350, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to public health legislation (Senate, No. 2751);

Public Health committee,-- study.

Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the town of Westford to grant two additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4339,-- on House, No. 4234) [Local approval received on House, No. 4234],-- was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Westford,-- liquor license.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The Senate Bill revising the town charter of Lunenburg (Senate, No. 2557),-- was read a second time.

Lunenburg,-- charter.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Tran presented an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2754).

The amendment was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2754) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading as follows: "An Act making the charter for the town of Lunenburg gender neutral."

Sent to the House for concurrence.

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The House Bill authorizing the town of Wakefield to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4475),-- **was read third and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Wakefield,-- senior tax exemption.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Geo Bernardone, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4481,-- on petition),-- was read.

Geo Bernardone,-- sick leave.

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

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, (pursuant to Senate Rule 63) that the Senate Bill relative to emergency rules governing session for the Senate during the COVID-19 pandemic (Senate, No. 2756).

Emergency rules governing sessions.

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

Order Adopted.

Mr. Rodrigues offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the House Bill relative to voting options in response to COVID-19 (House, No. 4778) (to be reported by the committee on Ways and Means with a recommended new text by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2755 on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, and read into the Senate Journal) shall be considered on Tuesday, June 16, 2020.

Procedural order.

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 2:00 P.M., on Thursday, June 11, 2020. All such amendments shall be second-reading amendments to the Senate Ways and Means new text (Senate, No. 2755), and shall be confined to the scope of the legislation, but further amendments in the third degree to such amendments shall be in order. The Clerk shall further specify the procedure and format for filing all amendments, consistent with this order.

All redrafted and further amendments shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 1:00 P.M. on Monday, June 15, 2020, and all shall be confined to the scope of the underlying amendment, except for any amendment technical or perfecting amendment by the chair of the committee on Ways and Means.

After the bill as amended is ordered to a third reading, it shall immediately be read a third time and the question shall then immediately be on passing it to be engrossed, and no amendments shall be in order at the third reading of the bill unless recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

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

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. in a full formal session, and the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator at a quarter past twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

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