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Met at seven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Rush 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. Rush), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader, announcing the appointment of Sue Todd, President and CEO of Pathways for Children, to serve as his appointee (under Section 3A of Chapter 15D of the General Laws) to the Early Education and Care Advisory Council,-- was placed on file.

EEC Advisory Council,-- appointment.

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr, Ryan C. Fattman, Dean A. Tran, Susan Williams Gifford and others for legislation to require anti-discrimination audits in the Commonwealth; and

Anti-discrimination audits. SD2972

By the same Senator, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr, Ryan C. Fattman, Dean A. Tran, Susan Williams Gifford and others for legislation to protect equality and equal protection by law enforcement departments in the Commonwealth;

Law enforcement,-- protection. SD2973

Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Comerford, for the committee on Public Health, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2359), a Bill promoting community immunity (Senate No. 2763);

Community Immunity Act.

By Mr. Moore, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on petition, a Bill requiring health care facilities to develop and implement programs to prevent workplace violence (Senate, No. 1093);

Workplace violence,- - health care facilities.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on the Message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill advancing reform within the Massachusetts State Police (printed in Senate, No. 2469); and

State Police,-- reform.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1427), a Bill requiring healthcare employer to develop and implement programs to prevent workplace violence (Senate No. 2752);

Workplace violence,- - prevention.

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

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill authorizing Nikos Sofronas to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the

Haverhill,-- civil service exemption.

city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (Senate, No. 2561) [Local approval received];

Read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

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 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),- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Rules.

Public Health committee,-- study.

Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the House), 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. Rush) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Authorizing the town of Leyden to continue the employment of Gilda Galvis (see House, No. 4544); and

Bills laid before the Governor.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Marta Romero, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (see House, No. 4691).

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

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

The House Bill providing for the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4242) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Plymouth,-- special police officers.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Angelica Rodriguez, an employee of Department of Children and Families (Senate, No. 2672),-- was read a third time.

Angelica Rodriguez,-
- sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Welch presented an amendment by inserting after the word "Rodriguez", in line 5, the first time it appears, the following words:- "to care for her child".

The amendment was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2672, amended) was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Denise M. Lazzara, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2747).

Denise M. Lazzara,--
sick leave.

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

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Public Service, on petition (accompanied by

Nicholas Asselin,--

bill, Senate, No. 2749), a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Nicholas Asselin, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2761).

sick leave.

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

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Public Service, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2748), a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Patrick Burns, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2762).

Patrick Burns,-- sick leave.

The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, 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 Joan B. Lovely and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to transfer employees of the North Shore Regional 911 Center to the State 911 Department.

North Shore Regional
911 Center.
SD2970

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Ms. Lovely, 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.

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 Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to authorize the lease of the former Lee Pool Complex located in the city of Boston.

Boston,--
Lee Pool Complex.
SD2838

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Ms. Lovely, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Order, granting the committee on The Judiciary until June 30, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2700, relative to Judiciary (Senate, No. 2758),-- ought to be adopted.

The Judiciary,--
extension order.

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

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The Senate Bill designating United States Cadet Nurse Corps Day (Senate, No. 2178, changed),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence *with an amendment* by adding the following section:

U.S. Cadet Nurse
Corps Day.

“SECTION 2. The superintendent of the bureau of the state house shall, subject to the approval of the art commission of the state house as to size and content, install and maintain a plaque in a suitable space in Nurses Hall in the state house in honor of the Massachusetts members of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps.”

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the House amendment was considered forthwith.

Mr. Tarr presented a motion that the Senate concur with the House amendment *with a further amendment* in section 2 (inserted by amendment by the House) by adding the following sentence:- “The Friends of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps WWII shall be responsible for the funding of the plaque.”

The motion prevailed and the Senate concurred in the House amendment with

the further amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the further amendment.

A Bill authorizing the Town of Lunenburg to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages on the premises to Lanni Orchards (House, No. 4644,-- on House, No. 4365) [Local approval received on House, No. 4365],-- was read.

Lunenburg,--
liquor license.

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

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely and Messrs. Tarr and Crighton) “congratulating Doctor Patricia A. Gentile on the occasion of her retirement as President of North Shore Community College after years of dedicated service and leadership.”

Patricia A. Gentile.

Orders Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lovely,--

Ordered, That notwithstanding an order previously adopted to the contrary, the amendment deadline previously adopted setting a deadline of 1:00 P.M. on Monday, June 15, 2020 for redrafts and further amendments to the Ways and Means recommended amendment S.2755, is hereby changed to 5:00 P.M. on Monday, June 15, 2020.

Procedural order
change.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Timilty,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow 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.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Rush), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Joan Marie (Lynch) Sweeney.

Moment of Silence.

Adjournment in Memory of Joan Marie (Lynch) Sweeney.

The Senator from Essex, Ms. Lovely, moves that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Joan Marie (Lynch) Sweeney of Salem.

Joan Marie Sweeney passed away after a long illness on May 10th surrounded by her loving family.

Joan was born in Peabody in 1934 to the late Mary Rita and John Henry Lynch. Joan was three-sport athlete, multiple club member, vice-president, and graduated with highest honors.

In 1955, Joan graduated from Salem Hospital School of Nursing as a Registered Nurse. After her husband, John J. Sweeney, passed away in 1973, she became a school nurse in order to spend more time with her children. She eventually rose to the position of Head Nurse of the Salem school system.

In addition to nursing, Joan worked with at-risk youth, for which the Social Advocates for Youth honored her with their Service and Dedication Award. Joan volunteered her time

with the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts, as well as at a teen drop-in center during the 1970's heroin crisis.

An avid reader, researcher, and published author, she investigated the history of her neighborhood and hometown. Joan was a member of Historic Salem, House of Seven Gables, Salem State University Explorers, Council on Aging Board, Mack Park Neighborhood Association, and Council on Aging Writers Group.

A recognized nurse, noted historian, determined advocate, quiet motivator, and sought-after mentor and advisor, Joan made a difference in many people's lives.

Joan is survived by her six children, Edward; Joan E. Brennan and her wife, Robin Woodman; John and his partner, Anne Rockwell; Joseph; Brian and his wife, Erin; and Robert; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Joan was predeceased by her husband, John J. Sweeney and a daughter, Patricia M. Sweeney.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Joan Marie Sweeney, at twenty-six minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. O'Connor, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.