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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.

Petition.

Mr. O'Connor presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick M. O'Connor, James B. Eldridge and Marc R. Pacheco for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Charlotte Charest, an employee of the Middlesex Probate and Family Court;

Charlotte Charest,-- sick leave. SD2978

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

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on Senate, No. 365 and House, No. 625, a Bill authorizing the option of providing basic common sense health services for residents of assisted living residences (Senate, No. 2774); and

Assisted living,-- health services.

By Ms. Comerford, for the committee on Public Health, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2453), a Bill relative to establishing and implementing a Food and Health Pilot Program (Senate No. 2772);

Food and Health Pilot Program.

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

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on petition, a Bill to reinvest justice and opportunity in communities affected by incarceration (Senate, No. 1052);

Communities,-- justice and opportunity.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill expanding the community college training incentive program (Senate, No. 1088);

Community college,- training incentive.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1060), a Bill relative to unemployment insurance benefits for replacement workers (Senate No. 2775); and

Unemployment insurance,-- employer rating.

By Ms. Comerford, for the committee on Public Health, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2657), a Bill relative to patient safety in nursing homes (Senate No. 2773);

Nursing homes,-- patient safety.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4797) of Mathew J. Muratore, Susan L. Moran and others (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the town of Plymouth relative to appointments to the board of health of said town,-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Plymouth,-- board of health.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to improve police officer standards and accountability and to improve training (House, No. 4794),-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.**

Police,-- improve training.

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 Eric P. Lesser and Thomas M. Petrolati for legislation to provide for the permanent protection and stewardship of the historic Lampson Brook Farm in Belchertown.

Belchertown,-- Lampson Brook Farm. SD2943

Senate Rule 36 was suspended on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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 Anne M. Gobi, Maria Duaiame Robinson, Mindy Domb, Patricia D. Jehlen and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to protecting our public higher education system during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Higher education,-- COVID-19. SD2931

Senate Rule 36 was suspended on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Higher 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 Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to promote housing stability and homelessness prevention through a right to counsel pilot program in Massachusetts in response to the COVID-emergency.

COVID-19,-- homelessness. SD2971

Senate Rule 36 was suspended on motion of Mr. O'Connor, 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 Patrick M. O'Connor, James B. Eldridge and Marc R. Pacheco for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Charlotte Charest, an employee of the Middlesex Probate and Family Court.

Charlotte Charest,-- sick leave. SD2978

Senate Rule 36 was suspended on motion of Mr. O'Connor, 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 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

Senate Rule 36 was suspended on motion of Mr. O'Connor, 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 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.

Anti-discrimination audits. SD2972

Senate Rule 36 was suspended on motion of Mr. O'Connor, 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.

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House Bill designating certain areas of the World War II Memorial in the city of Boston in memory of Edward J. Morrissey, John J. Mullen and Joseph P. Murphy (House, No. 4194).

Boston,-- World War II memorial.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading as follows: "An Act designating certain areas of the World War II Memorial in the city of Boston as the Edward J. Morrissey, John J. Mullen and Joseph P. Murphy Memorial."

The following report was laid before the Senate, the time within which the said committee was required to report having expired:

Of the committee on Revenue, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2563) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation relative to authorizing a local affordable housing surcharge.

Affordable housing,-- surcharge.

The rules were suspended, on motion of the Mr. O'Connor; and, on motion of the same Senator, the petition was recommitted to the Joint Committee on Revenue.

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

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

The House Bill relative to disqualification of bidders on city contracts (House, No. 4102),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading as follows: "An Act further regulating city contracts in the city of Northampton."**

Northampton,-- contracts.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Orders.

The following House Orders (severally approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) was considered as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities be granted until Friday, July 31, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4732.

Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities,-- extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, the order (House, No. 4786) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies be granted until Wednesday, July 15, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 200, 204, 205, 208, 209, 210, 211, 216, 218 and 2193, and House documents numbered 364, 369, 370, 374, 382, 383, 384, 385, 389, 393, 3699, 4070 and 4529.

Economic Development and Emerging Technologies,-- extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, the order (House, No.

4765) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Recess.

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

Recess.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill making certain appropriations for fiscal year 2021 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (printed in House, No. 4806,-- being a message from His Excellency the Governor),-- was read.

Interim budget.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill authorizing Old Rochester Regional School District to enter into renewable energy agreements (see House, No. 4435), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate ; and , a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0.

Old Rochester Regional School District,-- renewable energy.

The bill was signed by the acting President (Mr. Timilty) and sent to the House for concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

The following engrossed bill (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Timilty) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Bill laid before the Governor.

Authorizing the county of Dukes County to borrow funds to pay costs of acquiring land, constructing buildings and other facilities as the county shall require, making capital improvements to county facilities, acquiring items of capital equipment, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto (House, No. 4094).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

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 twenty-four minutes past three o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.