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

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Welch, for the committee on Financial Services, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 611), an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to value-based insurance design in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2893);

Financial Services committee,-- study.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 111), an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to TNC driver suitability (Senate, No. 2894); and

Id.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 102), an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to transportation network company rider assessments (Senate, No. 2895);

Id.

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

By Mr. Lesser, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on petition, a Bill relative to blockchain and cryptocurrencies (Senate, No. 200);

Blockchain and cryptocurrencies,-- commission.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing an industrial mill building revitalization task force (Senate, No. 204);

Industrial mill,-- task force.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the Rural Policy Advisory Commission (Senate, No. 205); and

Rural Policy Advisory Commission.
MA Future of Work Commission.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts future of work commission (Senate, No. 210);

Severally read and, under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Lesser, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on petition, a Bill establishing the Western Massachusetts remote worker relocation incentive program (Senate, No. 208);

Western MA incentive program.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to establish an entrepreneur learner's permit program (Senate, No. 209);

First time entrepreneurs,-- reimbursements.
Portable benefits,-- independent workers.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing a portable benefits for independent workers innovation fund (Senate, No. 211);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to promoting local economic development (Senate, No. 216);

Local economic development.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to invest more in middle class jobs and less in the relocation of out-of-state corporations (Senate, No. 2193);

By Ms. Gobi, for the committee on Higher Education, on petition, a Bill relative to protecting our public higher education system during the COVID-19 pandemic (Senate, No. 2786);

By Mr. Eldridge, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, No. 913 and House, No. 1537, a Bill to ensure right to counsel in eviction proceedings (Senate, No. 913) [Representative Garry of Dracut dissenting];

By Mr. Cyr, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1144), a Bill establishing a board of registration of peer specialists (Senate, No. 2891); and

By Mr. Hinds, for the committee on Revenue, on the recommitted petition, a Bill authorizing a local affordable housing surcharge (Senate, No. 2563);

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

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Lewis) “commending Janice T. Houghton on her fiftieth anniversary with Stonehambank – a co-operative bank and for her service to the town of Stoneham.”

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 House Bill authorizing the town of Lunenburg to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4644) (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.**

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Paul McBrien, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (House, No. 4795) (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.**

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Eldridge, for the committee on the Judiciary, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sharon L. Kelley, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (Senate, No. 2867).

The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tran, and 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. 2872) a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tamerisa Sanchez, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (Senate, No. 2892).

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

Jobs,-- invest.

Higher education,--
COVID-19.

Homelessness,--
prevention.

Mental health,-- peer
support.

Affordable housing,--
surcharge.

Janice T. Houghton.

Lunenburg,--
liquor license.

Paul McBrien,--
sick leave.

Sharon L. Kelley,--
sick leave.

Tamerisa Sanchez,--
sick leave.

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Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tran,--

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