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Met at ten minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Boncore 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. 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 (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to the swearing in of elected officials in the town of Wayland (Senate, No. 2903) (received in the office of the Clerk of the Senate on Thursday, August 27, 2020, at nine minutes past ten o'clock A.M.)

Wayland,--
elected officials.

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Order.

Ms. Comerford presented an Order relative to granting the committee on Public Health until October 2, 2020 within which time to make its final report on certain current Senate documents relative to plasma donation legislation. (Senate, No. 2902)

Public Health,--
extension order.

Referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Petition.

By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2904) of John F. Keenan and David F. DeCoste (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the town of Rockland [Local approval received].

Rockland,-- charter.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

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 Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to working parents during the COVID-19 emergency (Senate, No. 2901),-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Rules.

Labor and Workforce
Development
committee,-- study.

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

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointment by the Minority Leader:

Beverly Stables, Health Care Policy Analyst of the House Minority Leader's Office, to the special commission established (under Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2020) to study and make recommendations to the General Court that address health disparities related to COVID-19.

COVID-19,-- health disparities.

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

The following matter was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sharon L. Kelley, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (Senate, No. 2867),-- was read a third time.

Sharon L. Kelley,-- sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. DiDomenico presented an amendment by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:-

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the trial court of the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."

The amendment was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2867, amended) was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Order-Amended.

The following House Order (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 Labor and Workforce Development be granted until Thursday, August 20, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 4739, 4743 and 474 (House, No. 4798).

Labor and Workforce Development,-- extension order.

The rules were suspended on motion of Mr. Tran and the order was considered forthwith.

Pending the question on adoption of the order, Ms. Jehlen presented an amendment in line 2, by striking out the date "August 20" and inserting in place thereof the date "September 10".

The amendment was adopted.

The order, as amended, was then adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Emergency Preambles Adopted.

An engrossed Bill further regulating the disposition of certain parcels of land in the city of Northampton (see House, No. 4123), 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.

Northampton,-- land disposition.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Boncore) and sent to the House

for enactment.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Paula Euber, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (see House, No. 4662), 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.

Paula Euber,-- sick leave.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Boncore) and sent to the House for enactment.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill increasing the membership of the Northampton housing authority (see House, No. 3685) (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 signed by the Acting President (Mr. Boncore) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

The engrossed Bill changing the position of treasurer in the county of Dukes County to an appointed position (see House, No. 4673),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had amended the bill by inserting after section 5 the following section:

Dukes County,-- treasurer.

“SECTION 5A. Section 5 shall take effect upon passage of this act.”

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tran, and the House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

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, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Boncore) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Further regulating the disposition of certain parcels of land in the city of Northampton (see House, No. 4123);

Bills laid before the Governor.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Paula Euber, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (see House, No. 4662); and

Changing the position of treasurer in the county of Dukes County to an appointed position (see House, No. 4673, amended).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tran,--

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