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

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 2E of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019) submitting a Fiscal Year 2020 revised transfer schedule for the following account: 1595-7066 Massachusetts Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Grant (Pipeline) Fund (received September 25, 2020),-- was placed on file.

Comptroller,-- revised transfer schedule. SD3059

Report.

Report of the Human Resources Division (pursuant to Section 25 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws) submitting a civil service fire chief series eligibility list (received September 22, 2020),-- was placed on file.

HRD,-- fire chief eligibility list. SD3058

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to establishing the Massachusetts Medal of Fidelity (Senate, No. 2916) (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Thursday, September 24, 2020, at twenty-eight minutes before one o'clock P.M.).

Medal of Fidelity.

The message was read; and, under Senate Rule 20, with the accompanying bill, was referred to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. Sent to the House for concurrence.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cyr) "congratulating Rae Ann Palmer on the occasion of her retirement as town manager of the town of Truro"; and

Rae Ann Palmer.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) "commending Doctor Félix Antonio Cruz Jiminián on his contributions to the Dominican Republic and his impact on the Dominican American community in the Commonwealth."

Félix Antonio Cruz Jiminián.

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 amending the charter of the city of Greenfield (House, No. 4329) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a

Greenfield,-- charter.

third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The House Bill establishing the Littleton Common Smart Sewer District in the town of Littleton (House, No. 4865),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Littleton,-- common smart sewer district.

The House Bill exempting certain affordable housing in the Brighton section of the city of Boston from public procurement laws (House, No. 4915) (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.**

Brighton,-- affordable housing.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Brian Bailey, an employee of the department of developmental services (House, No. 4971),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Brian Bailey,-- sick leave.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, to whom was referred the Senate Order granting the committee on The Judiciary until November 12, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 313, 823, 825, 861, 899, 902, 937, 939, 978, 983, 989, 1041, 1209, 1385, 2457, 2480, 2571, 2644, 2815, 2818 and 2850, relative to Judiciary matters (Senate, No. 2885),-- ought to be adopted.

The Judiciary,-- extension order.

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

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 Public Health until October 2, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2871, relative to plasma donation legislation (Senate, No. 2902),-- ought to be adopted.

Public Health committee,-- extension.

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

Pending the question on adoption of the order, Ms. Comerford presented an amendment striking out the date “October 2, 2020” and inserting in place thereof:-- “October 17, 2020”.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

The order (Senate, No. 2902, amended) was then adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Order.

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 Public Service be granted until Thursday, December 31, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4858.

Public Service,-- extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tran, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4950) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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. Collins) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Authorizing the town of Maynard to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4693); and

Authorizing the town of Wellesley to continue employment of Jeffrey Peterson (see House, No. 4938).

Bills laid before the Governor.

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 that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at twenty-four minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.