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Thursday, October 8, 2020.

Met at seven 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.

Report.

Report of the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department (pursuant to Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting its Criminal Justice Report for the third quarter of 2020 (received October 5, 2020),-- was placed on file.

Plymouth Sheriff,-- criminal justice report. SD3070

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5029) of Carole A. Fiola and Paul A. Schmid, III (by vote of the town) relative to alternate members of the Conservation Commission of the town of Freetown,-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Freetown,-- conservation commission.

A Bill authorizing the conveyance of easements and conservation restrictions to watershed lands of the city known as the town of West Springfield (House, No. 4982,-- on House, No. 4917),-- was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

West Springfield,-- land conveyance.

Engrossed Bills.

An engrossed Bill establishing an economic development special revenue account for the town of Ashland (see House, No. 3953, amended) (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 re-enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Boncore) and again laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Bill again laid before the Governor.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Webster to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4993) (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 Governor.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brady) "congratulating Whitman town administrator Frank J. Lynam on the occasion of his retirement";

Frank J. Lynam.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Comerford) "congratulating Alfred L. Griggs on receiving

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the Governor's Award in the humanities"; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cyr) "congratulating Joan Mikula on the occasion of her retirement as commissioner of mental health."

Joan Mikula.

*Petition.*

On motion of Mr. Tran, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended on the petition, presented by Ms. Rausch, (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Marshall Bickford, an employee of the department of unemployment assistance,-- **and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service.**

Marshall Bickford,--  
sick leave.  
SD3069

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

*Reports of a Committee.*

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 Ryan C. Fattman for legislation relative to illegal drug and firearm trafficking.

Trafficking,-- crimes.  
SD2267

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tran, 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 Joanne M. Comerford for legislation relative to accelerating improvements to the local and regional public health system to address disparities in the delivery of public health services.

Public health  
system,--  
improvements.  
SD3063

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tran, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Health.**

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 James B. Eldridge and Nika C. Elugardo for legislation relative to the imposition of an excise tax to provide for climate change adaptation infrastructure and affordable housing investments in the Commonwealth.

Excise tax,-- climate  
change and housing.  
SD3056

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tran, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Revenue.**

**Severally sent to the House for concurrence.**

*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 Senate Bill relative to the position of Deputy Chief of Police in the town of Carver (Senate, No. 2847),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Carver,-- deputy  
chief of police.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The Senate Bill authorizing the investment of town of Lunenburg library trust funds (Senate, No. 2898),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Lunenburg,-- library  
trust funds.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

*Orders.*

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

*Ordered*, that notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Labor and Workforce Development be granted until Tuesday, October 27, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1045, 1062, 1064, 1066, 1082, 1102, 1107 and 1110, and House documents numbered 1605, 1610, 1617, 1681, 3809, 4563, 4564, 4565 and 4567.

Labor and Workforce Development,-- extension order.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tran, and the order (House, No. 4766) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.**

*Ordered*, that notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Labor and Workforce Development be granted until Tuesday, October 27, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 4746 and 4754.

Id.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tran, and the order (House, No. 4799) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.**

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5036) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik, Susannah M. Whipps and Anne M. Gobi for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Debra Hill, an employee of the Department of Mental Health,-- **was referred in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Debra Hill,-- sick leave.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tran,--

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