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Met at eight 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.

Reports.

The following reports were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Report of the Cannabis Control Commission (pursuant to Section 4(h) of Chapter 94G of the General Laws) submitting its Third Annual Activities Report (received October 15, 2020); and

CCC,-- annual activities report. SD3079

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to line item 4513-1020 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) submitting its Early Intervention program report with updates from the third quarter of FY20 (received October 16, 2020).

DPH,- early intervention. SD3083

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Comerford, for the committee on Public Health, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2911), an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to the ban of menthol tobacco (Senate, No. 2926);

Public Health committee,-- study.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5047) of Danielle W. Gregoire, Carmine Lawrence Gentile and James B. Eldridge (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to further regulate the granting of additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in the city of Marlborough;

Marlborough,-- liquor licenses.

To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5048) of Donald H. Wong (by vote of the town) that the town of Wakefield be authorized to employ retired police officers as special police officers in said town;

Wakefield,-- retired police officers.

To the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5049) of Donald H. Wong (by vote of the town) that the town of Saugus be authorized to designate a check-off box on its tax bills for the Saugus Emergency Relief Fund;

Saugus,-- tax bills.

To the committee on Revenue.

Emergency Preambles Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sharon L. Kelley, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2867, amended), 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.

Sharon L. Kelley,--
sick leave.

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

An engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Sandwich as the Commander Francis T. Williams and Sandwich Veterans Memorial Bridge (see House, No. 4360, amended), 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.

Sandwich,-- bridge
designation.

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

An engrossed Bill authorizing the Nauset regional school district to enter into renewable energy agreements (see House, No. 4830, amended), 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.

Nauset,-- renewable
energy.

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

Petition.

On motion of Mr. Tarr, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended on the petition, presented by Ms. Jehlen, (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia D. Jehlen and Eric P. Lesser for legislation relative to additional unemployment benefits for the neediest recipients currently excluded from the Lost Wages Assistance program,-- **and the same was referred to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.**

Lost Wages
Assistance program.
SD3084

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2923), a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marshall Bickford, an employee of the department of unemployment assistance (Senate, No. 2925);

Marshall Bickford,--
sick leave.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5062) of Mike Connolly relative to providing for an extension of the COVID-19 eviction and foreclosure moratorium;

COVID-19,--
eviction moratorium.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5064) of Stephan Hay and others for legislation to establish a minimum unemployment weekly benefit amount during public health emergency;

Unemployment benefit.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5063) of Marc T. Lombardo for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Brian Thompson, an employee of Department of Correction;

Brian Thompson,-- sick leave.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

A Bill amending certain liquor licenses in the town of Winchester (House, No. 3991,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Winchester,-- liquor licenses.

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

A Bill authorizing the town of Dedham to grant one additional license for the sale of beer and wine to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5023,-- on House, No. 295) [Local approval received on House, No. 295],-- was read.

Dedham,-- liquor license.

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

A Bill authorizing the town of Dedham to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on premises at Legacy Place (House, No. 5024,-- on House, No. 294) [Local approval received on House, No. 294],-- was read.

Dedham,-- liquor licenses.

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

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first two of which originated in the Senate), 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:

Bills laid before the Governor.

Establishing a sick leave bank for William Marzilli, an employee of the military division of the executive branch of the commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2742, amended);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Sharon L. Kelley, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2867, amended);

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Sandwich as the Commander Francis T. Williams and Sandwich Veterans Memorial Bridge (see House, No. 4360, amended); and

Authorizing the Nauset regional school district to enter into renewable energy agreements (see House, No. 4830, amended).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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 nineteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

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