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Monday, November 2, 2020.

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

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), 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 Department of Mental Health (pursuant to Section 16Q(e) of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its 2020 Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Council annual report (received October 28, 2020);

CBHAC,-- annual report. SD3090

Report of the Department of Transitional Assistance (pursuant to Section 2(B) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting its Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children Work Participation Report (received October 29, 2020); and

DTA,-- TAFDC work participation report. SD3091

Report of the Department of Transitional Assistance (pursuant to Section 5I of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting its Prohibited Items and Locations Report (received October 29, 2020).

DTA,-- prohibited items report. SD3093

Petition.

Ms. Chandler presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Harriette L. Chandler and Mary S. Keefe for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Glenn Rocco, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff's Department;

Glenn Rocco,-- sick leave. SD3092

Referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to inmate telephone calls (Senate, No. 1372),-- ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2846) (also based on Senate, No. 1430) [Senator Tran dissenting];

Inmate phone calls.

Referred under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Brady and Keenan) "commending Thomas McCarthy on the occasion of his retirement as the Veterans Service Officer for the town of Abington and the town of Whitman"; and

Thomas McCarthy.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) "congratulating Madelyn Ambler on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of America."

Madelyn Ambler.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently,

COVID-19,-- prevent

that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Harriette L. Chandler, Jon Santiago, Mindy Domb, Kay Khan and others for legislation to require the mandatory wearing of face masks to preventing a COVID-19 resurgence.

resurgence.
SD3005

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, 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.

George Monfreda,--
sick leave.
SD3002

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 Harriette L. Chandler and Kimberly N. Ferguson for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for George Monfreda, an employee of the Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, 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.

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Joseph Gatto, an employee of the Suffolk county sheriff's department (House, No. 4999),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Joseph Gatto,--
sick leave.

Reports of Committees.

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Woburn as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge (House, No. 4206).

Woburn,-- Vietnam
Veterans Memorial
Bridge.

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

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill providing for the renaming of the Board of Selectmen to Select Board in the town of Hubbardston (Senate, No. 2919);

Hubbardston,-- select
board.

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.

The Senate Bill classifying the Taunton Fire Department mechanic, Michael Perry, in connection with the determination of retirement benefits (Senate, No. 2624),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, *with an amendment* striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following two sections:

Michael Perry,--
retirement.

“SECTION 1. Notwithstanding chapter 32 of the general laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, Michael Perry, a member of the Taunton retirement system, shall have his pension calculated pursuant to subdivision (2) of section 5 of said chapter 32, utilizing the highest allowable percent as shown in the table contained within said section. If Mr. Perry applies for a disability retirement pursuant to section 7 of said chapter 32, he shall be deemed eligible for the provisions of section 94B of said chapter 32.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”

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

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5095) of Carole A. Fiola for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Emily Texeira, an employee of the Bristol County Sheriff's Office;

Emily Texeira,--
sick leave.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5096) of Tackey Chan and Paul R. Feeney relative to drinking alcohol at drive-in venues;

Drive-in venues,--
alcohol.

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

A Bill authorizing the Town of Kingston to establish a Special Fund to process activity produced by Non-Town Net Metering (House, No. 5082,-- on House, No. 4390) [Local approval received on House, No. 4390],-- was read.

Kingston,-- non-town
net metering fund.

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.

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

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at eighteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.