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Friday, July 10, 2020.

Met at seventeen minutes past ten 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.

Communications.

Communications from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the following appointments (pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2020) to the Covid-19 Health Equity Task Force: Senator Sonia Chang Diaz, Senator Julian Cyr, Dr. Frank Robinson, Dr. Cassandra Pierre, Dr. Milagros Abreu and Michael Curry (received July 8, 2020),-- were severally placed on file.

Covid-19 Health Equity Task Force.

Petition.

Mr. Brady presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2811) of Michael D. Brady for legislation to authorize certain investments by the Treasurer of the town of East Bridgewater [Local approval received.];

East Bridgewater,--investments.

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Matter Taken Out of the Notice Section.

The following matter was taken out of the Notice Section of the Calendar and considered as follows:

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Dyana Gonzalez, an employee of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (House, No. 4665),-- was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Dyana Gonzalez,--sick leave.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were considered as follows:

Bills

Establishing a building permit surcharge in the town of Concord (Senate, No. 2317); Relative to removing the position of police chief from civil service (Senate, No. 2402);

Second reading bills.

Further defining the purposes of the affordable housing trust in the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 2421);

Relative to wind and solar systems within the town of Mattapoisett (Senate, No. 2439):

Relative to the establishment of a Hingham means-tested property tax exemption (Senate, No. 2525):

Authorizing the Salem scholarship and education committee to provide scholarships from funds set aside for educational purposes (House, No. 4041); and

Relative to Westford Home Rule Charter (House, No. 4235).

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Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate Bill relative to automated enforcement (Senate, No. 1376),-- was considered.

Automated enforcement.

Pending the motion to lay the bill on the table, and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, on motion of Mr. Tarr, the further consideration thereof was postponed until Friday, July 31, 2020.

Recess

There being no objection, at twenty minutes past ten o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and at seventeen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair.

Recess.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The Senate Bill to reform police standards and shift resources to build a more equitable, fair and just commonwealth that values Black lives and communities of color (Senate, No. 2800),-- was considered.

Police reform.

The pending motion, previously moved by Mr. Fattman, to lay the matter on the table was considered; and it was *negatived*.

After remarks, pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Fattman moved that the matter be laid on the table; and, under the provisions of Senate Rule 24, the further consideration thereof was laid over until the next session.

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to the transfer and sale of a certain parcel of land in the town of Tewksbury (Senate, No. 2384),-- ought to pass.

Tewksbury,--land transfer.

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill authorizing and accelerating transportation investment (House, No. 4547),-- ought to pass, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2813.

Transportation bond bill.

Order Adopted.

Mr. Rodrigues offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the House Bill authorizing and accelerating transportation investment (House, No. 4547) (the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets having recommended that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2739; and the committee on Ways and Means having recommended that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2813) shall be considered on Thursday, July16, 2020.

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate

Procedural order.

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by 5:00 P.M., on Monday, July 13, 2020. All such amendments shall be second-reading amendments to the Senate Ways and Means new text (Senate, No. 2813), and shall be confined to the scope of the legislation, but further amendments in the third degree to such amendments shall be in order. The Clerk shall further specify the procedure and format for filing all amendments, consistent with this order.

All redrafted and further amendments shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 16, 2020, and all shall be confined to the scope of the underlying amendment, except for any amendment technical or perfecting amendment by the chair of the committee on Ways and Means.

After the bill as amended is ordered to a third reading, it shall immediately be read a third time and the question shall then immediately be on passing it to be engrossed, and no amendments shall be in order at the third reading of the bill unless recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Keenan, and the order was adopted.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill to expand take-out/delivery options in response to COVID-19 (Senate, No. 2740),-- ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2812).

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. DiZoglio, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means

The bill (Senate, No. 2812), was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and, after remarks, passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Recess.

There being no objection, at twenty minutes before one o'clock P.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-eight minutes past two o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at ten o'clock A.M. in a full formal session with a calendar.

On motion of the same Senator, at twenty-nine minutes past two o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at ten o'clock A.M.

Take-out options,--COVID-19.

Recess.

Time of meeting.