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Met at six minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

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The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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Pledge of allegiance.

### *Committees Discharged.*

Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Senate Bill to reduce racial disparities in maternal health (Senate, No. 2697),-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Rules.

Maternal health,--  
racial disparities.

**Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.**

### PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill to reduce racial inequities in maternal health (House, No. 4818,-- on House, No. 4448),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

Maternal health,--  
racial inequities.

### *Moment of Silence.*

The Chair (Mr. Tarr), members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Christina J. St. Pierre.

Moment of silence.

### *Recess.*

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

Recess.

### *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 enabling partnerships for growth (House, No. 4887), to be debated in the House of Representatives on Monday, July 27, 2020 shall be considered for debate in the Senate session of Wednesday, July 29, 2020, as a paper from the House, at which time the Senator from Bristol and Plymouth, Mr. Rodrigues will offer an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2842, with the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading, with the amendment pending.

Procedural order.

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 12:30 P.M., on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. All such amendments shall be second-reading amendments to the proposed new text (Rodrigues) (Senate, No. 2842), 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.

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.

**Under the rules, referred to the committee on Rules.**

**Subsequently, Ms. Lovely, for the said committee, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted.**

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

**The bill was placed in the Orders of the Day for Wednesday, July 29, for a second reading, with the amendment pending.**

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cyr) “congratulating Juliette E. Fay on the occasion of her retirement from public service to the island of Martha’s Vineyard and the Commonwealth”; and

Juliette E. Fay.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Moran) “recognizing Edwin J. Thorne for his service to the town of Pembroke.”

Edwin J. Thorne.

*Reports of Committees.*

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 Adam G. Hinds and Paul R. Feeney for legislation to enhance worker protection.

Worker protection.  
SD2979

**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 Labor and Workforce Development.**

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 Adam G. Hinds for legislation to protect working parents during the COVID-19 emergency.

Working parents,--  
COVID-19.  
SD2980

**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 Labor and Workforce Development.**

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 Adam G. Hinds and John Barrett, III for legislation relative to the Baker Hill Road District.

Lanesborough,--  
Baker Hill Road  
District. SD3017

**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 Municipalities and Regional Government.**

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

*Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill authorizing the city of Fitchburg to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4334) (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**

Bill laid before  
Governor.

**Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Maria Boverini, an employee of the Essex County Juvenile Court (House, No. 4837, amended,-- on petition),-- was read.

Maria Boverini,-- sick leave.

**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 petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4895) of Dylan A. Fernandes relative to the membership and the reviving and continuation of the Ocean Acidification Commission,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.**

Ocean Acidification Commission.

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. 2820),-- 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 text of House document numbered 4886; by striking out the emergency preamble and inserting in place thereof the following emergency preamble:

Police reform.

*“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to forthwith provide justice, equity and accountability in law enforcement, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety.”; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: “An Act relative to justice, equity and accountability in law enforcement in the Commonwealth.”.*

**Mr. Tarr moved that the Senate NON-concur in the House amendment and ask for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches.**

**Senators Brownsberger, Chang-Diaz and Tarr were appointed to the committee on the part of the Senate.**

**The bill was returned to the House endorsed accordingly.**

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

*Ordered,* That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at one o’clock P.M., in a full formal session without a calendar.

Time of meeting.

*Adjournment in Memory of Christina J. St. Pierre.*

The Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Christina J. St. Pierre, 35, former town clerk of the communities of Essex and Manchester-by-the-Sea who died on July 8, 2020 following a brief illness.

Christina was born on July 21, 1984 in Beverly, one of four children of Paul B. and Laura J. (Muniz) Wright of Essex. Christina graduated in 2002 from Manchester Essex Regional High School and went on to graduate magna cum laude in 2006 from Quinnipiac University.

Christina served as a town clerk for the last 11 years, eight years for the town of Essex and the last three years as town clerk for the town of Manchester-by-the Sea.

During her time as a town clerk, she was a member of the Massachusetts Town Clerks Association (MTCA) and the North Shore City and Town Clerks Association (NSC &

TCA). As a member of the MTCA she obtained the prestigious certification of “Certified MA Municipal Clerk” in 2016 and was recertified in February of 2020. Additionally, for the MTCA, Christina served on the executive board, was a member of the mentoring committee and legislative committee. As a member of the NSC and TCA, Christina was President of the association for the last several years, and prior to serving as President was on the programming committee.

Christina was well respected in the field and made many friends over the last eleven years with other town and city clerks. Additionally, Christina did extensive community volunteer work. She was a member of the board of directors of the Salem/Swampscott Youth Hockey Organization and coached in the learn-to-skate program, spending many hours on the ice with her whole family teaching young children how to skate. Her other volunteer work included running the kitchen for the Youth Hockey Bingo program and coaching Salem Youth Baseball.

Christina loved the outdoors and spent many weeks and weekends camping and hiking with her family and friends. Christina is survived by her husband Jason A. St. Pierre, her parents Paul and Laura Wright, her son Jacob Robert St. Pierre, 5, and a daughter Lauren Rae St. Pierre, 4, both of Salem; two stepsons, Matthew St. Pierre, 19, and Adam St. Pierre, 17, also of Salem; a brother David Wright of Essex; two sisters, Ashley Wright and her companion Michael Santiano of Haverhill, Patricia Wright and her companion Thomas “TJ” Keblish of Essex; father and mother-in-law, Roger and Claire St. Pierre of Salem, and brother-in-law, Scott St. Pierre and his finance’ Julie Leiferman of Minnesota.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Christina J. St. Pierre, at five minutes before one o’clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at one o’clock P.M.