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Met at three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Lovely 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 (Ms. Lovely), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2869), an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to working parents during the COVID-19 emergency (Senate, No. 2901);

Labor and Workforce Development committee,-- study.

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

By Ms. Gobi, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on petition, a Bill creating a special commission to scope a state grant or low interest loan program for properties prone to flooding (Senate, No. 2849);

Flooding,-- special commission.

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

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on petition, a Bill enhancing worker protection (Senate, No. 2868);

Worker protection.

Read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

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 House Bill increasing the membership of the Northampton housing authority (House, No. 3685) (its title having been change by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Northampton,-- housing authority.

The House Bill further regulating the disposition of certain parcels of land in the city of Northampton (House, No. 4123) (its title having been change by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Northampton,-- land transfer.

The House Bill exempting the city of Northampton from appointing weighers of hay, weighers of coal, and fence viewers (House, No. 4330, amended),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Northampton,-- appointments.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Paula Euber, an employee of the

Paula Euber,-- sick

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (House, No. 4662),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

leave.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Maria Bovarini, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (House, No. 4837, amended),-- was read a third time.

Maria Bovarini,--
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Lovely offered an amendment striking out, in lines 1 and 2, the words "Essex County Juvenile Court" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "trial court of the commonwealth"; and by striking out the emergency preamble and inserting in place thereof the following emergency preamble:-

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the trial court of the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the town of Yarmouth to establish a beach capital improvements fund (House, No. 4116, amended-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Yarmouth,-- beach
improvement.

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

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill amending the charter of the town of Chelmsford (see House, No. 4222) (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 (Ms. Lovely) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before
Governor.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tran,--

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