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Thursday, September 3, 2020.

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).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Report.

Report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (pursuant to Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the August 2020 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund report (received August 31, 2020),-- was placed on file.

DUA,-- August 2020 report. SD3040

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4963) of Smitty Pignatelli (by vote of the town) that the town of Egremont be authorized to utilize a portion of French Park in said town to construct a broadband headend,-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Egremont,-- French Park.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Jehlen) "commending the Regional Tibetan Association of Massachusetts, Inc. and the Tibetan Association of Boston, Inc. on their observance of the sixtieth anniversary of Tibetan Democracy Day."

Tibetan Democracy Day.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill authorizing employees of the city of Fall River to purchase creditable service for military service time (see Senate, No. 2257, amended) (which originated in the Senate), 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 (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Bill laid before the Governor.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill relative to the position of Deputy Chief of Police in the town of Carver (Senate, No. 2847).

Carver,-- deputy chief of police.

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.

*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 Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tamerisa Sanchez, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (Senate, No. 2892),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Tamerisa Sanchez,--  
sick leave.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The House Bill exempting from taxation certain property under the historic curatorship program in the town of Hamilton (House, No. 4193) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Hamilton,--  
curatorship program.

The House Bill establishing a charter for the town of Plainville (House, No. 4036),-- was read a third time.

Plainville,-- town  
charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Rausch presented an amendment in section 3, by adding the following sentence:- “The position of appointed treasurer-collector shall hereinafter be appointed by the town administrator in accordance with subsection (a) of section 4-4 of the charter of the town of Plainville.”; and

By striking out section 10 and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sections:-

“SECTION 10. This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the voters of the town of Plainville at an annual or special election in the form of the following question: ‘Shall an act passed by the general court in the year 2020, entitled “An Act establishing a charter for the town of Plainville” be accepted?’

Below the ballot questions shall appear a fair and concise summary of the act prepared by town counsel and approved by the select board. If a majority of the votes cast in answer to the question is in the affirmative, then sections 1 to 6, inclusive, of said act shall be effective in the town of Plainville but not otherwise.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect upon its passage; provided, however, that sections 7 to 10, inclusive, shall take effect only upon approval by the voters of the town of Plainville of the question under section 11.”.

**The amendment was adopted.**

**The bill (House, No. 4036) was then 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 University of Massachusetts to convey a certain parcel of land and buildings to the city of Waltham (House, No. 4927,-- on House, No. 4759),--was read.

Waltham,-- land  
conveyance.

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

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Barrett moved that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2906.

**The amendment was adopted.**

**The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.**

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

The engrossed Bill exempting the city of Northampton from appointing weighers of hay, weighers of coal, and fence viewers (see House, No. 4330, amended),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had amended the bill by striking out the emergency preamble.

Northampton,--  
appointments.

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

*Order.*

The following House Order (approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) was considered forthwith as follows:

*Ordered*, that notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Transportation be granted until Friday, September 11, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 3980.

Transportation,--  
extension order.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4964) was considered forthwith; and was adopted, in concurrence.**

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Tuesday 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 twenty-three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.