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Wednesday, November 25, 2020.

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Report.

Report of the Department of Youth Services (pursuant to Section 16 of Chapter 123A of the General Laws) submitting its annual report describing the treatment offered to each person who has been committed to the treatment center or the department of youth services as a sexually dangerous person (received Novmber 9, 2020),-- was placed on file.

DYS,-- sexually dangerous persons. SD3115

Reports of Committees.

The following reports were placed in the Orders of the Day, the time within which the said committees were required to report having expired:

Of the committee on Cannabis Policy, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2461) of Diana DiZoglio for legislation to ban marijuana billboards;

Marijuana billboards,-- ban.

Of the committee on Financial Services, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2655) of James B. Eldridge, Nika C. Elugardo, Jack Patrick Lewis, Patrick M. O'Connor and other members of the General Court for legislation to concern business interruption insurance;

Business interruption,-- insurance.

Of the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2832) of James B. Eldridge, Danillo A. Sena and David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf for legislation to establish the Massachusetts Works Progress Administration;

MA Works Progress Administration.

Of the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2658) of Michael O. Moore, Brian M. Ashe, Paul R. Feeney, Peter Capano and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide emergency assistance for municipal public safety overtime;

Municipal public safety,-- overtime.

Of the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10):

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1924) of Michael J. Barrett, Kenneth I. Gordon, Paul A. Schmid, III, Carmine Lawrence Gentile and other members of the General Court for legislation to combat climate change;

Climate change.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1940) of Cynthia Stone Creem, Lori A. Ehrlich, Christina A. Minicucci, Thomas M. Stanley and other members of the General Court for legislation for utility transition to using renewable energy (FUTURE);

Renewable energy,-- utility transition.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1950) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Christina A. Minicucci, Mindy Domb and Michael O. Moore for legislation to ensure the safety of residents, first responders, and gas workers;

Gas companies,-- projects.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1952) of Diana DiZoglio, Steven

Gas leaks,-- safety.

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S. Howitt, Patrick M. O'Connor, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to gas leaks and infrastructure;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1958) of James B. Eldridge, Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Mike Connolly, Jack Patrick Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to transition Massachusetts to 100 per cent renewable energy;

100 per cent
renewable energy.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1959) of James B. Eldridge, Lori A. Ehrlich, Bruce E. Tarr, Dean A. Tran and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure gas safety and consumer fairness;

Gas leaks,-- repair.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1963) of Paul R. Feeney, Lori A. Ehrlich, Anne M. Gobi, Paul McMurtry and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure safety and transparency in pipeline repair;

Pipeline repair.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1966) of Paul R. Feeney, Thomas M. Stanley, Diana DiZoglio, Patrick M. O'Connor and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote gas safety;

Energy infrastructure
oversight board.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1969) of Cindy F. Friedman, Diana DiZoglio, Patrick M. O'Connor, Joseph A. Boncore and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to improving gas workers field safety;

Gas workers,-- field
safety.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2009) of Marc R. Pacheco and James B. Eldridge for legislation to protect our environment and reduce the carbon footprint of the commonwealth;

Environment,--
carbon footprint.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2012) of Michael F. Rush, Jason M. Lewis, Anne M. Gobi, Angelo M. Scaccia and other members of the General Court for legislation to reduce gas leaks;

Gas leaks,-- reduce.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2013) of Bruce E. Tarr, Diana DiZoglio, William L. Crocker, Jr., Kenneth I. Gordon and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure public safety at natural gas sites;

Natural gas sites,--
public safety.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2481) of Patrick M. O'Connor and Joan B. Lovely for legislation to create a deposit for glass wine and liquor bottles.

Wine and liquor
bottles,-- deposit.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2514) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation relative to gas infrastructure and public safety; and

Public safety,-- gas
infrastructure.

Of the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2029) of James T. Welch and Mary S. Keefe for legislation relative to procurement services for artists.

Artists,--
procurement services.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5152) of RoseLee Vincent, Robert A. DeLeo and Joseph A. Boncore (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to establishing residency requirements for the offices of mayor, city council, and school committee in the city of Revere,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

Revere,-- residency
requirements.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, to whom was referred the Senate Order granting the committee on Public Service until December 31, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2920, special police officers in the town of Randolph (Senate, No. 2948),-- ought to be adopted.

Public Service,--
extension order.

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, to whom was referred the Senate Order granting the committee on The Judiciary until December 30, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2818, relative to addressing estate recovery issues due to COVID-19 (Senate, No. 2952),-- ought to be adopted.

Judiciary,-- extension order.

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

Of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 22) of Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Tewksbury to grant 8 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises

Tewksbury,-- liquor licenses

The rules were suspended, on motion of the Mr. Tarr, and, on motion of the same Senator, the petition was recommitted to the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

The following matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The House Bill authorizing James S. Armentrout to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 2383),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

James S. Armentrout,-- creditable service.

The House Bill authorizing Michael Cheung to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 4815),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Michael Cheung,-- creditable service.

The House Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Billerica to select board (House, No. 4988) (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.**

Billerica,-- board of selectmen.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Collins) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of West Boylston to select board (see House, No. 4214); and

Bills laid before the Governor.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Marshall Johnson, an employee of the department of conservation and recreation (see House, No. 5019).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--
Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of

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a calendar.

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