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Met at twenty-five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Friedman in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Report.

Report from the Office of the Child Advocate (pursuant to Chapter 18C, Section 14 of the Massachusetts General Laws) submitting its Childhood Trauma Task Force's 2020 Legislative report (received December 9, 2020),-- was placed on file.

OCA,-- Childhood Trauma. SD3134

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Communication of the Division of Energy Resources of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under the provisions of section 12 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting amendments to 225 CMR 14.00 and 225 CMR 15.00, Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Class I & II (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5169),-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

DOER,-- Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Feeney) "congratulating Bryan O'Sullivan on the occasion of his retirement from the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council #35."

Bryan O'Sullivan.

Engrossed Bill Returned by Governor with Recommendation of Amendments.

The engrossed Bill relative to justice, equity and accountability in law enforcement in the Commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2963) (which on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, had been laid before the Governor for his approbation), was returned to the Senate Clerk by the Governor on December 10, 2020, at twenty-one minutes past two o'clock P.M., with a message recommending amendments.

Police reform,-- standards.

The message (Senate, No. 2975) was read and the Senate proceeded to reconsider the bill, in accordance with the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution.

Pending action thereon, the bill was referred to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, on motion of Mr. Rodrigues.

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 Senate Bill relative to the reorganization of the water, highway and park/cemetery departments and commissioners in the town of Topsfield (Senate, No. 2826),-- was read

Topsfield,-- reorganization.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading as follows: “An Act relative to the reorganization of the water, highway and park and cemetery departments in the town of Topsfield”.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill promoting safety for victims of violent crime and human trafficking (Senate, No. 2973),-- **was read a third time and, after remarks, passed to be engrossed.**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Victim safety,--
human trafficking.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Salem to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4473),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Salem,-- senior tax
exemptions.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Winchester to establish a senior property tax exemption (House, No. 4476),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Winchester,-- senior
tax exemptions.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Framingham to erect a pavilion in Mary Dennison Park (House, No. 4842),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Framingham,-- Mary
Dennison Park.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5194) of Joseph D. McKenna, Paul K. Frost and Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Charles Harrison, an employee of the Department of Mental Health,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Charles Harrison,--
sick leave.

The House Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey an easement in certain land in the city of Peabody (House, No. 4219, amended),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had concurred in the Senate amendment in subsection (b) of section 3 by adding the following sentence:- “Said compensation shall be deposited in the Conservation Trust under section 1 of chapter 132A of the General Laws to be used for acquisitions of conservation land.”; and in said section 3, by adding the following subsection:-

Peabody,-- easement.

“(d) As a further condition of the grant of easement authorized in this act and to ensure a no-net-loss of lands protected for conservation and recreation purposes, the division of capital asset management and maintenance shall transfer to the department of conservation and recreation a parcel of land in the town of Middleton containing 11.68 acres, more or less, and recorded in the Essex southern district registry of deeds at book 6614, page 610.”., *with a further amendment* in section 3, subsection (b) by striking out the last sentence (inserted by amendment by the Senate) and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:

“The compensation shall be deposited in the George L. Darey Inland Fisheries and Game Fund created by section 2C of chapter 131 of the General Laws.”; and in section 3 by striking out subsection (d) (inserted by amendment by the Senate) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection: “(d) Notwithstanding sections 32 to 37 inclusive, of chapter 7C of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary and as a further condition of the grant of easement authorized in this act, the commissioner of

capital asset management and maintenance shall transfer to the department of fish and game 4 parcels located in the city of Peabody to be held in perpetuity for conservation purposes. The parcels were acquired for conservation purposes and are more particularly described: (1) in a deed recorded in the Southern Essex registry of deeds in book 6159, page 155 and containing 6.4 acres; (2) as parcel 3 in a deed recorded in the Southern Essex registry of deeds in book 6066, page 455 and containing 2.7 acres; (3) in a deed recorded in the Southern Essex registry of deeds in book 5935, page 65 and containing 9.37 acres; and (4) as parcel 2 in a deed recorded in the Southern Essex registry of deeds in book 6066, page 455 and containing 3.76 acres.”.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the further House amendment was adopted, in concurrence.

A Bill establishing memorial markers in the towns of Milton and Canton in memory of certain law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty (House, No. 4331,-- on petition),-- was read.

Milton and Canton,--
memorial markers.

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

A Bill establishing the Tri-Town Water District (House, No. 5077,-- on petition),-- was read.

Tri-Town Water
District.

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

A Bill authorizing the Town of Ware to exempt Christopher Scott Romani from the maximum age requirement for applying for Civil Service appointment as a police officer (House, No. 5170,-- on House, No. 4010) [Local approval received on House, No. 4010],-- was read.

Christopher Scott
Romani,-- police
officer.

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

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Wednesday 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 sixteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.