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Monday, December 21, 2020.

Met at seven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Crighton in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Report.

Report of the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 12(a) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting its Statutory Basis Financial Report (SBFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 (received December 18, 2020),-- was placed on file.

Comptroller,-- FY20 SBFR. SD3137

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5202) and Carole A. Fiola (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Fall River be authorized to abolish of the Board of Fire Commissioners in said city; and

Fall River,-- Board of Fire Commissioners.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5203) of Carole A. Fiola (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the abolishment of the Board of Police in the city of Fall River;

Fall River,-- Board of Police.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Committee Changes.

The Chair (Mr. Crighton) announced the resignation of Senator Brady of Plymouth and Bristol as a member of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and the appointment of Senator Crighton of Essex to fill the vacancy.

Committee on Bills in the Third Reading,-- changes.

Subsequently, the Chair (Mr. Crighton) announced the resignation of Senator Crighton of Essex as a member of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and the reappointment of Senator Brady of Plymouth and Bristol thereto.

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 authorizing the town of Groton to grant additional alcoholic beverages licenses (House, No. 4809),-- was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Groton,-- liquor licenses.

The House Bill relative to the authority of the town manager in the town of Upton (House, No. 4986),-- was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Upton,-- town manager.

The House Bill changing the position of treasurer/collector in the town of Upton to an appointed position (House, No. 4987),-- was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Upton,-- treasurer/collector.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises (House, No. 4557,-- on House, No. 4318) [Local approval received on House, No. 4318],-- was read.

Milford,-- liquor license.

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 Bill relative to affordable housing in the town of Dartmouth (House, No. 4814,-- on petition),-- was read.

Dartmouth,-- affordable housing.

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 Bill authorizing the town of Dunstable to convey certain land to the Evangelical Church of Dunstable (House, No. 5121,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Dunstable,-- land conveyance.

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 Bill amending the charter of the town of Lynnfield (House, No. 5204,-- on House, No. 5093) [Local approval received on House, No. 5093],-- was read.

Lynnfield,-- town charter.

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. 5208) of Patricia A. Haddad, Steven S. Howitt and Michael J. Rodrigues (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment of members of the Swansea Redevelopment Authority,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Swansea Redevelopment Authority.

Recess.

There being no objection, at twelve minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Crighton) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at three minutes before six o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair.

Recess.

Committee Changes.

The President announced the resignation of Senator Brady of Plymouth and Bristol as a member of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and the appointment of Senator Brownsberger of Suffolk and Middlesex to fill the vacancy.

Committee on Bills in the Third Reading,-- changes.

Subsequently, the President announced the resignation of Senator Brownsberger of Suffolk and Middlesex as a member of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and the reappointment of Senator Brady of Plymouth and Bristol thereto.

Engrossed Bill Returned by Governor With Recommendation of Amendment.

The engrossed Bill relative to justice, equity and accountability in law enforcement in the Commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2963),-- was considered, the main question being on adoption of the Governor's amendment.

Police reform.

Mr. DiDomenico, for the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, reported, recommending that if the Senate adopted the Governor's amendment, it be amended in the

following form (printed as Senate, No. 2981).

The rules were suspended on motion of Ms. Chang-Diaz.

Pending the question on adoption of the Governor’s amendment, Mr. Tarr moved that all pending amendments to this message be printed in the calendar pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 31; and the motion was seconded by Mr. Tran.

Accordingly, the matter was laid over under the provisions of Senate Rule 31 until the next session.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Brownsberger,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again today at a half past six o’clock P.M. in a full formal session with a one item calendar, **but objection was made thereto by Mr. Tarr.**

Time of meeting.

The question on adoption of the time of meeting order was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at six minutes past six o’clock P.M., as follows, to wit (yeas 33 - nays 7) **[Yeas and Nays No. 308]:**

YEAS.

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| Barrett, Michael J. | Hinds, Adam G. |
| Boncore, Joseph A. | Jehlen, Patricia D. |
| Brady, Michael D. | Kennedy, Edward J. |
| Brownsberger, William N. | Lesser, Eric P. |
| Chandler, Harriette L. | Lewis, Jason M. |
| Chang-Diaz, Sonia | Lovely, Joan B. |
| Collins, Nick | Montigny, Mark C. |
| Comerford, Joanne M. | Moore, Michael O. |
| Creem, Cynthia Stone | Moran, Susan L. |
| Crighton, Brendan P. | Pacheco, Marc R. |
| Cyr, Julian | Rausch, Rebecca L. |
| DiDomenico, Sal N. | Rodrigues, Michael J. |
| Eldridge, James B. | Rush, Michael F. |
| Feeney, Paul R. | Spilka, Karen E. |
| Finegold, Barry R. | Velis, John C. |
| Friedman, Cindy F. | Welch, James T. – 33. |
| Gobi, Anne M. | |

NAYS.

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| DiZoglio, Diana | Tarr, Bruce E. |
| Fattman, Ryan C. | Timilty, Walter F. |
| Keenan, John F. | Tran, Dean A. – 7. |
| O'Connor, Patrick M. | |

The yeas and nays having been completed at fourteen minutes past six o’clock P.M., the order was adopted.

On motion of the same Senator, at a quarter past six o’clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again today at a half past six o’clock P.M.