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

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Communications.

The following communications were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader, announcing the appointment of Pasquale F. Russolillo (pursuant to Section 107 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the special commission to study and examine the civil service law, personnel administration rules, hiring procedures and by-laws for municipalities not subject to the civil service law and state police hiring practices; and

Hiring practices,--
civil service law.

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plans of correction for the Essex County Correctional Alternative Center inspection on February 4, 2021, Franklin County Jail and House of Correction inspection on January 15, 2021, and Bridgewater State Hospital inspection on March 3, 2021 (received March 4, 2021).

DPH,-- plans of
correction.
SD2512

Reports.

The following reports were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Report of the Middlesex District Attorney's Office (pursuant to Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of wiretap interceptions for the 2020 calendar year (received March 4, 2021); and

Middlesex DA,--
wiretap.
SD2513

Report of the Health Information Technology Council (pursuant to Section 15 of Chapter 118I of the General Laws) submitting its 2020 Annual Report (received March 8, 2021).

HIT Council,--
report.
SD2516

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 29) of Mark C. Montigny (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of New Bedford to convey certain land acquired for open space and playground purposes [Local approval received.];

New Bedford,-- land.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. Brownsberger (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marie Yvette Winfield for legislation to protect public health, promote accountability and prevent the violation of individual rights through the

Public health,--
rights.
SD2514

misuse, abuse and the violation of law;

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointment by the Minority Leader:

Representative Steven Xiarhos of West Barnstable to the special commission established (under Section 116 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to investigate and study the impact of the administration of justice of the qualified immunity doctrine in the Commonwealth.

Qualified Immunity
Commission.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

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.