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Met at six 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.

Communication.

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 2E of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) submitting a revised fiscal year 2021 transfer schedule for the following account: 1595-1068 Medical Assistance Trust Fund (MATF) (received March 11, 2021),-- was placed on file.

CTR,-- revised transfer schedule. SD2527

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Sections 5, 20 and 21 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspection of Pondville Correctional Center (received March 10, 2021);

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD2528

Report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to line-item 7061-9408 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020 and Section 1J(z) of the General Laws) submitting its FY21 Targeted Intervention Legislative Report (received March 12, 2021); and

DESE,-- targeted intervention report. SD2530

Report of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (pursuant to line-item 0340-2100 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its FY20 Report on the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (DPPC) Case Referrals to District Attorneys (received March 12, 2021).

MDAA,-- DPPC report. SD2531

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 34) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to allow the city of Gloucester to appoint retired police officers as special police officers [Local approval received];

Gloucester,-- police officers.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. Crighton, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation to ensure access to healthcare and medically necessary food for children;

Medically necessary food. SD2532

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The following House petition (having been received in the office of the Clerk

of the House of Representatives prior to five o'clock in the afternoon of Friday, February 19, 2021) was referred to committee, in concurrence, by the Senate as follows:

Petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 91) of Mindy Domb, Tami L. Gouveia and David M. Rogers for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to agricultural and horticultural lands;

Agricultural and horticultural lands.

To the committee on Revenue.

A Bill financing a program for improvements to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and providing relief to employers and workers in the Commonwealth (House, No. 90,-- on House, No. 55),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Senate Rules, on petition, a Bill authorizing certain investments by the Treasurer of the town of East Bridgewater (Senate, No. 31).

East Bridgewater,-- investments.

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

Orders of the Day.

The engrossed bill creating a next-generation roadmap for Massachusetts climate policy (see Senate, No. 9),-- was considered, the main question being on adoption of the Governor's amendment.

Climate policy.

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. 30).

The pending motion, previously moved by Mr. Tarr, to lay the matter on the table,-- was considered; and it was negatived.

The pending report of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, Senate document numbered 30, was then considered; and it was accepted.

Under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was before the Senate subject to amendment and re-enactment.

After remarks, the question on adoption of the Governor's amendment, in the form recommended by the committee in Bills in the Third Reading, was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at twenty-eight minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Barrett, as follows, to wit (yeas 39 – nays 1) **[Yeas and Nays No. 19]:**

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.
Boncore, Joseph A.
Brady, Michael D.
Brownsberger, William N.
Chandler, Harriette L.
Chang-Diaz, Sonia
Collins, Nick
Comerford, Joanne M.
Creem, Cynthia Stone
Crighton, Brendan P.
Cronin, John J.

Hinds, Adam G.
Jehlen, Patricia D.
Keenan, John F.
Kennedy, Edward J.
Lesser, Eric P.
Lewis, Jason M.
Lovely, Joan B.
Montigny, Mark C.
Moore, Michael O.
Moran, Susan L.
O'Connor, Patrick M.

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Cyr, Julian
DiDomenico, Sal N.
DiZoglio, Diana
Eldridge, James B.
Feeney, Paul R.
Finegold, Barry R.
Friedman, Cindy F.
Gobi, Anne M.
Gomez, Adam

Pacheco, Marc R.
Rausch, Rebecca L.
Rodrigues, Michael J.
Rush, Michael F.
Spilka, Karen E.
Tarr, Bruce E.
Timilty, Walter F.
Velis, John C. – 39.

NAYS.

Fattman, Ryan C. – 1.

The yeas and nays having been completed at twenty-two minutes before one o'clock P.M., the Governor's amendment was adopted, in the form recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Order Adopted.

Mr. Rodrigues offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the House Bill financing a program for improvements to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and providing relief to employers and workers in the Commonwealth (House, No. 90), to be reported by the committee on Ways and Means with a recommended new text Senate document numbered 35, on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, and read into the Senate Journal on Thursday, March 18, 2021, shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Thursday, March 18, 2021.

Procedural order.

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. All such amendments shall be second reading-amendments to the Senate Ways and Means proposed new text (Senate, No. 35), but further amendments in the third degree to such amendments shall be in order. The Clerk shall further specify the procedure and format for filing all amendments, consistent with this order.

After the bill as amended is ordered to a third reading, it shall immediately be read a third time and the question shall then immediately be on passing it to be engrossed, and no amendments shall be in order at the third reading of the bill unless recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, and, after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. in a full formal session with a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of Mr. Rodrigues, at fourteen minutes before one o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.