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Thursday, April 1, 2021.

Met at eighteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon (Mr. Boncore in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

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 Mr. Pasquale F. Russolilli (pursuant to Section 90 of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019) to the civil asset forfeiture commission (received March 31, 2021); and

Civil asset forfeiture commission.

Communication from the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) designating Andrew Levrault as the commission's representative on the Permanent Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities (received March 29, 2021).

DPPC,-- Levrault appointment.

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 Boston Pre-Release Center (received April 1, 2021); and

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD2558

Report of the Restorative Justice Advisory Committee (pursuant to Section 5(d) of Chapter 276B of the General Laws) submitting its 2020 Annual Report (received March 31, 2021).

RJAC,-- 2020 annual report. SD2560

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented, as follows:

By Paul Grigsby, a petition (accompanied by resolution) of Paul Grigsby for legislation calling on Article V of the United States Constitution for the convening of a Convention of the States; and

Convention of the States. SD206

By Henry Matthews De Groot, a petition (accompanied by bill) Henry Matthews De Groot for legislation to establish a rideshare driver bill of rights;

Rideshare drivers,-- bill of rights. SD2359

Severally, under Senate Rule 18, were placed on file.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 40) of Ryan C. Fattman and Peter J. Durant (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Southbridge to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises [Local approval received.];

Southbridge,-- liquor licenses.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marc R. Pacheco (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the release of certain land in the town of Raynham from the operation of an agricultural preservation restriction [Local approval received.]; and

Raynham,-- land.
SD2557

By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John C. Velis for legislation to establish an elementary and secondary school robotics grant program;

Robotics,-- grant
program.
SD2559

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 99) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to a vacancy in the office of mayor in the city of Holyoke;

Holyoke,-- Office of
the mayor.

To the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 100) of William J. Driscoll, Jr. for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Stephen Melchin, an employee of the Trial Court;

Stephen Melchin,--
sick leave.

To the committee on the Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 98) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to authorizing Trevor J. Seaboyer to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Trevor J. Seaboyer,--
civil service exam.

To the committee on Public Service.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. DiZoglio, Mr. Brady, Ms. Comford, Ms. Creem, Messrs. Crighton, Cronin, DiDomenico, Eldridge, Fattman, Finegold, Gomez, Hinds, Ms. Jehlen, Mr. Lesser, Ms. Lovely, and Messrs. Moore, Montigny, O'Connor, Rodrigues, Rush Tarr, and Timilty) "commending the Micheal J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research for their recognition of April 2021 As Parkinson's Awareness Month."

Michael J. Fox
Foundation.

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 Senate Bill validating the results of the annual town meeting and the annual town election held in the town of Hubbardston (printed in Senate, No. 24) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Hubbardston,--
town meeting.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of East Bridgewater (Senate, No. 31) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bill in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time.

East Bridgewater,--
investments.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Brady presented an amendment inserting after the word "any" in line 2, the following word:- "trust".

The amendment was adopted.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

**The bill (Senate, No. 31, amended) was then passed to be engrossed.
Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petitions of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation to ensure access to healthcare and medically necessary food for children.

Medically necessary
food.
SD2532

Senate Rules 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Financial Services.

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 a calendar.

Time of meeting.

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