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Thursday, April 22, 2021.

Met at twelve 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 MassDevelopment (pursuant to Section 71 of Chapter 141 of the Acts of 2003) submitting its October 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 Emerging Technology Fund Quarterly Report (received April 20, 2021); and

MassDev,-- ETF quarterly report. SD2591

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to line item 1599-2040 of Section 2B of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its Paid Prior Year Deficiency Report through the third quarter of FY2021 (received April 21, 2021).

CTR,-- PYD report. SD2593

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 Western MA Women's Correctional Center (received April 12, 2021);

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD2580

Report of the Health Policy Commission (pursuant to Section 64(d) of Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its Interim Report on the Impact of COVID-19 on the Massachusetts Health Care System (received April 21, 2021); and

HPC,-- COVID-19 interim report. SD2594

Report of the Alzheimer's Disease Research and Treatment Advisory Council (pursuant to Section 16AA(b)(3) of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its first annual report and the Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan (received April 20, 2021).

Alzheimer's Advisory Council,-- report. SD2595

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2438) of Michael J. Barrett and Tami L. Gouveia (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a building permit surcharge in the town of Concord [Local approval received];

Concord,-- building permit surcharge.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on the Housing.

By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2437) of Michael J. Barrett and Tami L. Gouveia (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a real estate transfer fee upon the transfer of property in the town of Concord [Local approval received];

Concord,-- real estate fee.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on the Revenue.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to tobacco harm-reduction;

Tobacco,-- harm-reduction. SD2592

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

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill to allow the city of Gloucester to appoint retired police officers as special police officers (Senate, No. 34) [Local approval received]; and

Gloucester,-- police officers.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to authorize Eric M. Cyr to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (Senate, No. 44) [Local approval received];

Haverhill,-- civil service exam.

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Representative Kelly Pease of Westfield had been appointed as his designee (under Section 98 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) to the interagency task force to review and investigate water and ground contamination of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances across the Commonwealth; and

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Task Force.

Massachusetts High Technology Council, Inc. President Christopher R. Anderson had been appointed as his designee (under Section 25 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2021) to the special commission to study and develop recommendations on the solvency of the unemployment trust fund established in section 14F of chapter 151A of the General Laws.

Unemployment Trust Fund Special Commission.

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 the reconstruction of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke (House, No. 3701), to be reported by the committee on Ways and Means with a recommended new text Senate document numbered 2439, on Thursday, April 22, 2021, and read into the Senate Journal on Thursday, April 22, 2021, shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Thursday, April 29, 2021.

Procedural Order.

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 2:00 P.M., on Monday, April 26, 2021. All such amendments shall be second reading-amendments to the Senate Ways and Means new text (Senate, No. 2439), 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.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

The bill will be placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, April 29, 2021, for a second reading with the amendment pending.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill financing the reconstruction of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke (House, No. 3701),-- ought to pass, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2439 (Bond Authorization: \$600,000,000.00 -- subject to eligible federal reimbursements).

Holyoke Soldiers'
Home,--
reconstruction.

In accordance with the order previously adopted, the bill was placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, April 29, for a second reading with the amendment pending.

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 fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.