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Thursday, June 3, 2021.

Met at twelve minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Collins in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Department of Children and Families (pursuant to line item 4800-0015 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its FY2020 Fair Hearing Report (received June 1, 2021),-- was placed on file.

DCF,-- fair hearing report. SD2640

Petition.

Mr. Crighton presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2463) of Brendan P. Crighton and Peter Capano (by vote of the town) for legislation to validate the annual town meeting held in the town of Nahant [Local approval received];

Nahant,-- town meeting.

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 47) of Cynthia Stone Creem, Joanne M. Comerford, Jason M. Lewis, Jack Patrick Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to regulate face surveillance;

Facial surveillance,-- regulations.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 117) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to provide facial recognition accountability and comprehensive enforcement; and

Facial recognition,-- enforcement.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 135) of David M. Rogers, Orlando Ramos and others for legislation to regulate face surveillance;

Face surveillance.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Severally, under Senate Rule 36, the reports were considered forthwith and accepted.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 3815),-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Bonds.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3822) of Joseph D. McKenna (by vote of the town) that the town of Webster be authorized to issue two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises and two additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town;

Webster,-- liquor licenses.

To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3828) of Steven Ultrino and Paul J. Donato (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the preparation of certain bilingual ballots in the city of Malden;

Malden,-- bilingual ballots.

To the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3823) of James M. Kelcourse and Diana DiZoglio (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Amesbury be authorized to amend the charter of said city;

Amesbury,-- charter.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3824) of James M. Kelcourse and Diana DiZoglio (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Amesbury be authorized to increase the term of mayor to four years; and

Amesbury,-- mayoral term.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3825) of James M. Kelcourse and Diana DiZoglio (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the position of school committee chair in the city of Amesbury;

Amesbury,-- school committee chair.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3826) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to remote participation in state public meetings;

Public meetings,-- remote participation.

To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Reports

Of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 306) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in pet shops;

Pet shops,-- sales.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 384) of Natalie M. Higgins and others for legislation to further regulate to sale of certain domestic animals;

Domestic animals,-- sales.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 465) of Erika Uytterhoeven and Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to regulate cottage foods;

Cottage foods,-- regulations.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 322) of Daniel R. Carey for legislation to authorize direct dental care agreements,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Financial Services;

Dental care agreements.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 370) of Denise C. Garlick and others relative to maintaining independent authority over nursing licensure in the Commonwealth,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing;

Nursing licensure.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 307) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to the civilian certification of military medical personnel;

Military personnel,-- certification.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 385) of Bradford Hill for legislation to require physicians and physicians assistants to certify being trained in eating disorders when applying to renew their licenses;

Physicians,-- training.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 437) of Paul McMurtry, Paul R. Feeney and others relative to a specialty pharmacy pilot program for urology;

Urology,-- pharmacy pilot program.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Public

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Health.

Of the committee on Elder Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 729) of Christine P. Barber, Jon Santiago and others relative to prescription drug cost transparency and affordability;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 737) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others relative to the rate setting processes for home health and home care services;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 741) of Richard M. Haggerty and others relative to utilization of the prescription monitoring program;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 743) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to establishing a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study and provide recommendations on the feasibility of implementing a drug repository program for high cost pharmaceuticals;

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Of the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1265) of Sean Garballey for an investigation by a special commission relative to the transparency and affordability of the Group Insurance Commission;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1281) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the group insurance commission and Medicare health benefit supplement plans;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1295) of Paul W. Mark relative to the maximum amount of deductibles and copayments for covered services for active and retired employees, their dependents and the survivors of deceased public employees;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1304) of James J. O'Day and others relative to authorizing the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Department of Early Education and Care to establish an individual retirement account program for personal care attendants;

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Public Service.

Were severally considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill addressing city council vacancies in the city of Brockton (see House, No. 3709) (which originated in the House), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Collins) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Comerford) “honoring the Commonwealth’s local public health workforce for its work during the Covid-19 pandemic”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O’Connor) “congratulating Dimitry Afanasenko of the town of Scituate on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O’Connor) “congratulating Ryan Auciello of the town of Scituate on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O’Connor) “congratulating Cam Bruscinio of the town of

Prescription drug,-- transparency.

Home care,-- rate setting.

Prescription monitoring program.

High cost pharmaceuticals,-- special commission.

GIC,-- transparency.

GIC,-- health supplement plans.

Retirees,-- deductibles and copays.

PCAs,-- retirement.

Bill laid before the Governor.

Local public health workforce.

Dimitry Afanasenko.

Ryan Auciello.

Cam Bruscinio.

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Scituate on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O’Connor) “congratulating Ryan Flynn of the town of Scituate on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Ryan Flynn.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O’Connor) “congratulating Ethan Jones of the town of Hingham on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Ethan Jones.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O’Connor) “congratulating Robbie Murdock of the town of Scituate on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Robbie Murdock.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O’Connor) “congratulating Nick Praschma of the town of Hingham on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Nick Praschma.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O’Connor) “congratulating Ryan Sherwin of the town of Hingham on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Ryan Sherwin.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O’Connor) “congratulating Luke Turnak of the town of Hingham on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”; and

Luke Turnak.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tarr) “honoring the memory of William Barker Cushing, Commander United States Navy, for his bravery during the Civil War in observance of Memorial Day 2021.”

William Barker
Cushing, Commander
United States Navy.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

The following matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Stephen Melchin, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (House, No. 100) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Stephen Melchin,--
sick leave.

The House Bill 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 (House, No. 98),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Haverhill,--
Trevor J. Seaboyer.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Linda R. Berube, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 3769,-- on petition),-- was read.

Linda R. Berube,--
sick leave.

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

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

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