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Met at nine minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Timilty 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 (Ms. Timilty), 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, relative to his appointment of Dean A. Tran (under Section 68 of Chapter 3 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended by Section 5 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) to the permanent commission on the Status of Citizens of Asian Descent (Massachusetts Asian American Commission) (received June 11, 2021);

Permanent Commission on the Status of Citizens of Asian Descent.

Communication from His Excellency the Governor, Charles D. Baker, relative to the appointment of Ms. Debora E. Jackson (under Section 1 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the Permanent Commission on the Status of African Americans (received June 11, 2021); and

Permanent Commission on the Status of African Americans.

Communication from His Excellency the Governor, Charles D. Baker, relative to the appointment of Mr. Fredric D. Rutberg (under Section 93(a) of Chapter 358 of the Acts of 2020) to the Special Commission to Study Journalism in Underserved Communities in the Commonwealth (received June 11, 2021).

Special Commission to Study Journalism in Underserved Communities.

Report.

Report of the Department of Revenue (pursuant to Section 8 of Chapter 62C of the General Laws as established in Section 125 of Chapter 47 of the Acts of 2017) submitting its report on the use of said department's authority to add income reporting requirements (received June 10, 2021),-- was placed on file.

DOR,-- 1099K report. SD2650

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2473) of Cynthia Stone Creem and Tommy Vitolo (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Brookline to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure in certain construction [Local approval received];

Brookline,-- construction regulations.

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John C. Velis for legislation to authorize municipalities to use funds for flood control infrastructure and floodplain preservation,-- and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the

Municipalities,-- flood control. SD2648

committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Bills

Relative to reprecincting (House, No. 3863,-- on House, No. 820); and Making appropriations for fiscal year 2021 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 3871,-- on House, No. 3773, in part);

Reprecincting. Supplemental appropriations.

Were severally read, and under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Timilty) “congratulating Alexander Rhodes of the town of Easton on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

Alexander Rhodes.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Berlin to continue the employment of Paul Kenneth Clark (see House Bill, printed in House, No. 92) (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, two-thirds of the members present having voted in the affirmative, and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Timilty) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

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 petition of Susan L. Moran for legislation to empower towns and cities to protect residents and the environment from harmful pesticides.

Harmful pesticides,-- cities and towns. SD2545

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Edward J. Kennedy for legislation to require immunizations for in-person classes at certain Massachusetts public institutions of higher learning.

Community colleges,-- vaccines. SD2608

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

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3873) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others relative to the effective date of MassHealth coverage for new applicants,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Health Care Financing.**

MassHealth,-- effective date.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at two o'clock P.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 tomorrow at two o'clock P.M.