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**TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021**

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Tuesday, June 15, 2021.

Met at eighteen minutes past two o'clock P.M. (Mr. Brownsberger 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. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Report.

Report of the Task Force on Pulmonary Hypertension (pursuant to Section 16Z(c) of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its findings and recommendations (received June 14, 2021),-- was placed on file.

PH task force,-- report. SD2651

Communication.

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, appointing Senator Barry Finegold to the special commission to study equity and access to telecommunications services (received June 9, 2021),-- was placed on file.

Telecommunication service appointment.

Petition.

By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2474) of Patrick M. O'Connor (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the Cohasset Town Manager Act of 1997 [Local approval received];

Cohasset,-- select board.

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The following petitions, having been timely filed by 5 o'clock P.M. on February 19, 2021, were referred in concurrence as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3876) of Marjorie C. Decker for legislation to ban school exclusion in pre-kindergarten through 3rd grade; and

School exclusion,-- ban.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3877) of Maya Schildkraut and Ivy Michaud relative to health programs in schools;

Schools,-- health programs.

Severally to the committee on Education.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3878) of Alyson M. Sullivan and others relative to establishing identification at the voting polls;

Voting polls,-- identification.

To the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3879) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to Long and Moon Islands in Boston Harbor;

Boston Harbor,-- Long and Moon Islands.

To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3880) of William J. Driscoll, Jr. relative to step therapy and in vitro fertilization insurance coverage; and

IVF,-- insurance coverage.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3881) of Kay Khan and others relative to

Midwifery services,--

insurance coverage and access to nurse-midwifery services;

insurance coverage.

**Severally to the committee on Financial Services.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3882) of Chynah Tyler for legislation to review the impact and effectiveness of facility programming by the Department of Correction including a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the effects of health care in department facilities and a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the effects of confinement in the departmental disciplinary unit on the mental health and wellness of prisoners;

Special Commission on the Dept. of Correction Health Care.

**To the committee on The Judiciary.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3883) of Joseph D. McKenna relative to municipalities that own land that is located within the geographical bounds of another municipality;

Municipal land,-- ownership.

**To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3884) of Bruce J. Ayers for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the use, disposal, and potential re-use of durable medical equipment in hospitals and care facilities under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth;

Special Commission on Medical Equipment.

**To the committee on Public Health.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3885) of Gerard J. Cassidy for legislation to require public safety vehicles be equipped with emergency thermal blankets; and

Public safety vehicles,-- thermal blankets.  
COVID-19,-- correctional facilities.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3886) of Chynah Tyler relative to the spread of COVID-19 in correctional facilities;

**Severally to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3887) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., that the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy conduct a study on the opportunities for sustainable and cost-effective market deployment of renewable natural gas and low-carbon fuels to reduce emissions associated with the supply of natural gas for heating; and

Renewable natural gas,-- study.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3888) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., and others relative to the purchase of new and pre-owned electric vehicles;

Electric vehicles,-- purchase.

**Severally to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3889) of Sarah K. Peake and Timothy R. Whelan relative to transfers of motor vehicles on death;

Motor vehicle transfer,-- death.

**To the committee on Transportation.**

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3864) of David T. Vieira, Susan L. Moran and Steven G. Xiarhos (by vote of the town) that the town of Bourne be authorized to exempt the position of chief of police from civil service law,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

Bourne,-- chief of police.

A Bill further regulating certain alcoholic beverage licenses in the town of Westford (House, No. 303,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Westford,-- liquor license.

*Report 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 Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation to stop mass shootings.

Mass shootings.  
SD2588

**Senate Rule 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 the Judiciary.  
Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3875) of Jeffrey N. Roy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Bruce Young, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office,-- was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Bruce Young,--  
sick leave.

*Recess.*

There being no objection, at twenty-two minutes past two o'clock P.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and at eleven minutes past four o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

The Senate Bill relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency (Senate, No. 2472),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained on House document numbered 3874.

COVID-19  
measures,--  
extension.

**Mr. Tarr moved that the Senate NON-concur in the House amendments and asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and Senators Rodrigues, Friedman and O'Connor were appointed to the committee on the part of the Senate.**

**The bill was returned to the House endorsed accordingly.**

*Recess.*

There being no objection, at twelve minutes past four o'clock P.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and at five minutes before eight o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

*Suspension of Senate Rule 38A*

Mr. Rodrigues moved that Senate Rule 38A be suspended to allow the Senate to meet beyond the hour of 8:00 P.M.; and the same Senator requested unanimous consent that the rule be suspended without a call of the yeas and nays. There being no objection, the motion was considered forthwith, and it was adopted.

Senate Rule 38A.

*Committee of Conference Report.*

Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the House amendments to the Senate Bill relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency (Senate, No. 2472) (amended by the House by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of House document numbered 3874), reported, in part, a "Bill relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency" (Senate, No. 2475).

COVID-19  
measures,--  
extension.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, and, after remarks, the report was accepted.**

*Resolutions.*

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were considered

forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Joanne Cooke on her retirement from the Department of Mental Health.”

Joanne Cooke.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

*Emergency Preamble Adopted; Engrossed Bill Enacted.*

An engrossed Bill relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency (see Senate, No. 2475), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted, in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0.

COVID-19 measures,-- extension.

The bill was signed by the Acting President, (Mr. Brownsberger) and sent to the House for enactment.

Subsequently, the bill, which originated in the Senate, came from the House with the endorsement that it had been enacted in that branch.

**The Senate then passed the bill to be enacted; and it was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

*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., 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 before nine o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.