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Met at fourteen minutes past eleven o’clock A.M. (Ms. Friedman 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. Friedman), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Reports.

The following reports were severally received and placed on file to wit:

- Report of the Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation (pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 40H of the General Laws) submitting its 2020 annual report (received June 25, 2021); and
- Report of the Plymouth County Sheriff’s Department (pursuant to Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting its Criminal Justice Report for the fourth quarter of 2020 (received January 7, 2021).

Petition.

Mr. Keenan presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John F. Keenan for legislation relative to collaborative drug therapy management optimization,-- and the same was referred, 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. 3907) of Claire D. Cronin (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Brockton be authorized to grant five additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said city;
- Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3908) of Frank A. Moran (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Lawrence be authorized to establish a program for enforcement against illegal bars and illegal casinos;
- Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3909) of Sheila C. Harrington (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Groton;
- Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3910) of Frank A. Moran (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the death of city of Lawrence police patrolman Jacob Eyssi; and
- Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3911) of Todd M. Smola and Anne M. Gobi (by vote of the town) that police officers in the police department of the town of Palmer be exempt from the provisions of the civil service law;
Severally to the committee on Public Service.

A Bill authorizing the town of Lunenburg to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises to Jaxx Country Variety (House, No. 3813,-- on House, No. 3715) [Local approval received on House, No. 3715],-- was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

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

- A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3914) of Jay D. Livingstone that a certain playground on the Esplanade in the city of Boston be designated as the Gronk playground;

  Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

  A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3915) of James J. O'Day and Harriette L. Chandler for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Julie DeRosa, an employee of the Department of Mental Health;

  Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

  A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3913) of Sally P. Kerans and Joan B. Lovely (by vote of the town) relative to the town of Danvers Electric Light Division;

  Under suspension of Joint Rule 7B, to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

A Bill making certain appropriations for Fiscal Year 2022 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (printed in House, No. 3905,-- being a message from his Excellency the Governor),-- was read.

After remarks, there being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Committee Changes.

The Chair (Ms. Friedman) announced the resignation of Senator Tarr of Essex and Middlesex as a member of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and the appointment of Senator Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk to fill the vacancy.

Subsequently, the Chair (Ms. Friedman) announced the resignation of Senator Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk as a member of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and the reappointment of Senator Tarr of Essex and Middlesex thereto.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 3903),-- ought to pass, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2486 [Bond authorization: $300,000,000].

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 improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 3903) (the committee on Ways and Means having recommended that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2486) shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Thursday, July 1, 2021.
All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 5:00 P.M., on Tuesday, June 29, 2021. All such amendments shall be second reading-amendments to the Senate Ways and Means new text (Senate, No. 2486), 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. Fattman, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

The bill will be placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, July 1, 2021, for a second reading with the amendment pending.

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Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill making certain appropriations for Fiscal Year 2022 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (see House Bill, printed in House, No. 3905) (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 (Ms. Friedman) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M. in a full formal session with a calendar.

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