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Thursday, July 8, 2021.

Met at fourteen minutes past one o'clock P.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 the Department of Public Health submitting its Arbovirus Weekly Report for the week of July 5, 2021 (received July 7, 2021); and

DPH,-- arbovirus report. SD2690

Communication from Annelise Araujo relative to acceptance of her appointment to the Commission on Structural Racism in the Department of Correction (received July 7, 2021).

Commission on Structural Racism in the Department of Correction.

Reports.

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

Report of the Division of Banks (pursuant to Section 3B of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting its amendments to the Executive Office for Administration and Finance's regulation at 801 CMR 4.02: Rates (received July 7, 2021); and

DOB,-- CMR amendments. SD2691

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Sections 5, 20 and 21 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspections of Massachusetts Treatment Center and MASAC at Plymouth (received July 7, 2021).

DPH,-- facility inspections. SD2692

Petition.

Ms. DiZoglio (by request) presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sean P. Gleason for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the city of Haverhill as the Ted and Mary Murphy Bridge,-- and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Haverhill,-- bridge. SD2689

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3933) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) that the town of Milford be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises in said town;

Milford,-- liquor license.

To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3934) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to providing for the recall of elected officials in the city of Holyoke; and

Holyoke,-- recall elections.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3935) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. (by vote of the town) that the town of Wilbraham be authorized to further regulate ballots in said town;

Wilbraham,-- ballots.

Severally to the committee on Elections Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3936) of Sheila C. Harrington (by vote of

Dunstable,-- roadway

the town) that the town of Dunstable be authorized to use of certain land in said town for roadway improvements;

improvement.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

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 Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to designate a certain playground on the Esplanade in the city of Boston as the Gronk Playground.

Boston,-- Gronk
Playground.
SD2613

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 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 John F. Keenan for legislation relative to collaborative drug therapy management optimization.

Drug therapy,--
optimization.
SD2665

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 Public Health.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Tarr), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Officer Stephen M. Levesque.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at one o'clock P.M. in a full formal session without a calendar.

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Officer Stephen M. Levesque

The Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, and the Senator from Essex, Ms. DiZoglio, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it does so in memory of Officer Stephen M. Levesque, 26, a member of the Rowley Police Department. Officer Levesque passed away at his home in Bradford on June 28, 2021. He was also a call firefighter for the town of Newbury.

Stephen was born on March 1, 1995 in Newburyport to Kathleen (Connolly) Levesque and the late William A. Levesque. Officer Levesque was raised in the village of Byfield in the town of Newbury and had a strong passion for serving his community and giving back. Stephen also enjoyed playing golf, going fishing, playing hockey and playing his guitar. An avid reader and he loved academics and constantly learning anything new. Stephen had recently completed his Masters thesis, "Carrying Trauma from Birth to Work: Adverse Childhood Experiences in Law Enforcement Officers and their Implications". Stephen was an animal lover as well, especially his two dogs, Archer and Abby. Stephen's greatest joy was being the "Master" of his grill.

Stephen is survived by his mother, Kathleen J. Levesque of Byfield, his longtime girlfriend, Erin A. Niedbala of Bradford, his aunts and uncle, Linda M. Levesque of Haverhill, Patricia M. Connolly of West Newbury, Maureen A. Nute of Virginia and

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Arthur Newton of Haverhill, his two cousins, Patrick and Michael Mayo and a close family friend, Lenny Schwartz. Stephen is also survived by many longtime friends and close colleagues. Stephen was predeceased by his father, William A. Levesque and his grandparents, Elizabeth and Kenneth "Bumpa" Rogers and Verna and Enoil Levesque.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Officer Stephen M. Levesque, at twenty-six minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at one o'clock P.M.