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Thursday, July 22, 2021.

Met at nineteen minutes past twelve o'clock noon (Mr. Timilty in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Report.

Report of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (pursuant to Section 66(3) of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report (received July 21, 2021),-- was placed on file.

MCSW,-- FY21 annual report. SD2708

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2500) of Marc R. Pacheco and Norman J. Orrall (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Berkley to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises [Local approval received];

Berkley,-- liquor license.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Ms. DiZoglio, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Diana DiZoglio and Erika Uytterhoeven for legislation relative to legislative employee living wage;

Employee equity. SD2709

By the same Senator, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Diana DiZoglio and Erika Uytterhoeven for legislation relative to legislative employee compensation equity adjustment;

Compensation equity adjustment. SD2710

By the same Senator, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Diana DiZoglio and Erika Uytterhoeven for legislation relative to legislative employee compensation COLAs;

Legislative staff,-- COLA adjustments. SD2711

By the same Senator, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Diana DiZoglio and Erika Uytterhoeven for legislation relative to health insurance coverage for legislative employees; and

Legislative staff,-- health insurance. SD2712

By the same Senator, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Diana DiZoglio and Erika Uytterhoeven for legislation to establish employee liaison; mediation and conflict resolution training;

Employee liaison. SD2713

Severally, 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. 3983) of Marjorie C. Decker (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Cambridge be authorized to offer early voting in municipal elections;

Cambridge,-- early voting.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

**To the committee on Election Laws.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3970) of Steven S. Howitt and Paul R. Feeney (by vote of the town) that the town of Rehoboth be authorized to appoint a treasurer/collector in said town;

Rehoboth,--  
treasurer/collector.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3971) of William C. Galvin (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment of retired police officers in the town of Canton;

Canton,-- retired  
police officers.

**To the committee on Public Service.**

**Bills**

To allow elected officers in the town of Lee to serve on the Board of Public Works (House, No. 2757,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Lee,-- Board of  
Public Works.

Amending the charter of the town of Grafton (House, No. 3705,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Grafton,-- charter.

Establishing residency requirements for the offices of mayor, city council, and school committee in the city of Revere (House, No. 3965,-- on House, No. 2654) [Local approval received on House, No. 2654];

Revere,-- elected  
officials residency  
requirements.

**Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

**Reports**

Of the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1161) of Michael D. Brady, Tommy Vitolo and Maria Duaine Robinson for legislation relative to employees of private railroad, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Transportation; and

Private railroads,--  
employees.

Of the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3688) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the threat posed by nuclear weapons to the citizens of the Commonwealth, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security;

Nuclear weapons,--  
investigation.

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

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brady) “congratulating John Gillet on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

John Gillet.

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.**

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3990) of Susannah M. Whipps and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Warwick be authorized to grant non-citizen permanent residents the right to vote in municipal elections;

Warwick,--  
municipal elections.

**Under suspension of Joint Rule 7B, to the committee on Election Laws.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3991) of James K. Hawkins and others relative to pesticides;

Pesticides.

**Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Environment, Natural**

**Resources and Agriculture.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3992) of Michael J. Finn for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Tara Blodgett, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services;

Tara Blodgett,-- sick leave.

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

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Bruce Young, an employee of the Worcester county sheriff's office (House, No. 3875,-- on petition),-- was read.

Bruce Young,-- sick leave.

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

A Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 3975,-- on House, No. 3815),-- was read.

Terms and bonds.

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

A Bill extending simulcasting and horse racing authorization (House, No. 3976,-- on House, No. 337),-- was read.

Simulcasting.

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

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tarr--

*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 twenty-two minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.