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**MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021**

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Met at nine minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Boncore in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Report.

Report of the Office of the Child Advocate (pursuant to Section 10 of Chapter 18C of the General Laws) submitting its Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report (received May 20, 2021),-- was placed on file.

OCA,-- FY20 annual report. SD2631

Petition.

Mr. Velis presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John C. Velis for legislation relative to honoring the founding of the United States Army, the United States Air Force, and the National Guard,-- and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Veterans,-- honor. SD2632

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Cronin, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Middleborough to change the name of its Board of Selectmen to Select Board (Senate, No. 1354) [Local approval received]; and

Middleborough,-- select board.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1361), a Bill amending the Newbury general by-laws from board of selectmen to select board (Senate, No. 2451) [Local approval received on Senate, No. 1361];

Newbury,-- select board.

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

Committee Discharged.

Ms. Moran, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 220) of Mark C. Montigny and Michael O. Moore for legislation to protect personal biometric data; and

Biometric data,-- protect.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 225) of Michael O. Moore for legislation to protect personal identifying information;

Personal info,-- protect.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 230) of Patrick M. O'Connor, James M. Murphy, Steven G. Xiarhos, Adam J. Scanlon and other members of the General Court for legislation to ban the retail sale of cats and dogs in pet shops,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture;

Retail pet sales.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 236) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Steven S. Howitt, Ryan C. Fattman and other members of the

Dental services,-- bill of rights.

General Court for legislation to establish a dental patient bill of rights,-- **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Financial Services;**

Nurse licensure compacts.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 163) of Joseph A. Boncore and Kay Khan for legislation relative to nurse licensure compacts; and

Nursing licensure,-- authority.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 237) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Carol A. Doherty, Patrick Joseph Kearney, Michael D. Brady and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to maintaining independent authority over nursing licensure in the commonwealth;

**And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing; and**

Physicians,-- licensing procedures.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 210) of Adam G. Hinds for legislation to ensure timely physician licensure,-- **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health.**

**Severally, under Senate Rule 36, the reports were considered forthwith and accepted.**

**Severally sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3772) of Angelo L. D'Emilia (with the approval of the County Commissioners) that the Bristol County Retirement Board be authorized to grant creditable service to Frank Cabral, Jr.,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

Frank Cabral, Jr.,-- creditable service.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Gobi) "commending the Huntington's Disease Society of America, Massachusetts Chapter for its recognition of May 2021 as Huntington's Disease Awareness Month."

Huntington's Disease Society of America, MA Chapter.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the town of Berlin to continue the employment of Paul Kenneth Clark (printed in House, No. 92,-- being a message from His Excellency the Governor),-- was read.

Paul Kenneth Clark,-- employment.

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

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

*Ordered,* That, pursuant to an order previously adopted, and, under the provisions of Senate Rule 38B, when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at ten o'clock A.M., in a full formal session and that the only matter to be placed on the calendar will be the general appropriation bill.

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at twelve minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at ten o'clock A.M.