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Met at twelve minutes past eleven o'clock A.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 Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Aleksandra Tugbiyele (pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys (received June 15, 2021);

Social Status of Black Men and Boys,-- commissoin.

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader, announcing the appointment of Tai Pasquini (pursuant to Section 26 of Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2020) to the Rare Disease Advisory Council (received June 17, 2021);

Rare Disease Advisory Council.

Communication from the Honorable Charles D. Baker, Governor, announcing the appoinments of Jenn McNary, Andrew A. Lane, Dr. Michael A. Green and Dr. Charlotte M. Booney (pursuant to Section 26 of Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2020) to the Rare Disease Advisory Council (received June 17, 2021);

Id.

Communication from the Honorable Charles D. Baker, Governor, announcing the appoinment of Joseph Vieira, Jr. (pursuant to Section 108(a) of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the special commission to study the establishment of a Statewide Law Enforcement Cadet Program (received June 16, 2021); and

Statewide Law Enfrocement Cadet Program,-- commssion.

Communication from the Honorable Charles D. Baker, Governor, announcing the appoinment of Colette M. Santa (pursuant to Section 111 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the special legislative commission on Structural Racism in the Parole Process (received June 17, 2021).

Structural Racism in the Parole Process,-- commission.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3899) of Jeffrey N. Roy and Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) that the town of Medway be authorized to amend the charter of said town; and

Medway,-- town charter.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3900) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Northampton be authorized to amend a certain conservation easement in said city;

Northampton,-- easement.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3901) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) that the town of Mendon be authorized to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption in said town;

Mendon,-- senior tax exemption.

To the committee on Revenue.

Reports

Of the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1220) of Eric P. Lesser, Patricia A. Duffy, Brian M. Ashe and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation relative to community college tuition; and

Community college,-
- tuition.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1968) of Patricia A. Duffy and others for legislation to create a workforce opportunity scholarship for certain students at community colleges;

Community college
students,-
scholarship.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Higher Education.

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 Messrs. Timilty and Brady) “congratulating Matthew J. Merkle on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

Matthew J. Merkle.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3904) of Susan Williams Gifford for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Racquel Cardoza, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Racquel Cardoza,-
sick leave.

Recess.

There being no objection, at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at one minute before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill to upgrade hen welfare and establish uniform cage-free standards (Senate, No. 2470),-- ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft entitled “An Act upgrading hen welfare and establishing uniform cage-free standards” (Senate, No. 2481).

Cage-free,- uniform
standards.

Order Adopted.

Mr. Rodrigues offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the Senate Bill to upgrade hen welfare and establish uniform cage-free standards (Senate, No. 2470) (the committee on Ways and Means having recommended that the bill be amended by substituting a new draft, Senate, No. 2481) shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Thursday, June 24, 2021 for immediate consideration.

Procedural order.

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, June 24, 2021, for a second reading with the amendment pending.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2021 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 3871),-- ought to pass, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2480.

Supplemental appropriations.

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 making appropriations for fiscal year 2021 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 3871) (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 2480) shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Thursday, June 24, 2021.

Procedural order.

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 11:00 A.M, on Wednesday, June 23, 2021. All such amendments shall be second reading-amendments to the Senate Ways and Means new text (Senate, No. 2480), 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, June 24, 2021, for a second reading with the amendment pending.

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.

Time of meeting.

Moment of Silence.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Aiden Blanchard.

Moment of silence.

Adjournment in Memory of Aiden Blanchard.

The Senator from Hampden, Mr. Gomez, presented a motion that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Aiden Blanchard of Chicopee.

Mr. Aiden Blanchard was a young man who loved fishing with his father, his family, and his community. He passed away at the age of 12.

Aiden was a son to his mother Michelle and a brother to Joshua, Adam, Mathew, Tyler, and Celine. He was predeceased by his father, David Blanchard.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Aiden was a student at Edward J. Bellamy Middle School and previously attended the Gen. John J. Stefanik School from kindergarten through 5th grade.

Mr. Aiden Blanchard will forever be remembered for his care and compassion towards others. He will continue to impact the lives of family and friends throughout the community.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Aiden Blanchard, at four minutes past twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Fattman, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.