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Thursday, June 17, 2021.

Met at twenty-four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Collins in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Reports.

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

Report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (pursuant to Section 2(c) of Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process (eviction) cases for May 2021 (received June 15, 2021); and

EOTC,-- summary process report. SD2653

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 MCI Norfolk and Essex County Correctional Facility (received June 15, 2021).

DPH,-- facility inspections. SD2654

Petition.

Mr. Cyr presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Julian Cyr for legislation relative to indigenous representation on the Martha's Vineyard Commission,-- and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Martha's Vineyard Commission. SD2655

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Moran, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on the Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2021 (submitted by the Governor under the provisions of Article LXXXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution) relative to reorganizing certain licensing agencies of the executive department (see House, No. 3774) [for Majority Report, see Senate, No. 2476],-- reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23A,-- recommending that said Reorganization Plan No. 1 "ought to be approved".

Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2021.

Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session, the question being "Shall this reorganization plan be approved?"

By Mr. Cronin, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on Senate, No. 1356 and House, No. 2194, a Bill further addressing challenges to municipal governance caused by the COVID-19 emergency (Senate, No. 1356);

Municipal governance,-- challenges.

Read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. Moran, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 227), a Bill authorizing the town of Millbury to grant an additional liquor license (Senate, No. 2477) [Local approval received on Senate, No. 227]; and

Millbury,-- liquor license.

By Mr. Cronin, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill further providing for the leadership and governance of the town of Agawam (Senate, No. 1367, changed in Section 1, in line 1, by striking out the figure "42" and

Agawam,-- mayoral term.

inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "43") [Local approval received];

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

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Cronin, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1339) of Adam G. Hinds and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Charlemont to establish a tax on commercial recreation services,-- **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Revenue.**

Charlemont,--
recreation tax.

**Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.
Sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3890) of Claire D. Cronin and Walter F. Timilty (by vote of the town) that the town of Easton be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises;

Easton,-- liquor
license.

To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3891) of Michelle L. Ciccolo (by vote of the town) that the town of Lexington be authorized to establish a commercial linkage fee to certain commercial construction building permits issued by said town for the purpose of affordable housing;

Lexington,--
affordable housing.

To the committee on Housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3892) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) that the town of Lexington be authorized to establish transit improvement districts; and

Lexington,-- transit
improvement
districts.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3893) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) that the town of Lexington be authorized to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure in certain construction;

Lexington,-- fossil
fuel infrastructure.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Resolutions.

The following Joint Resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk by Mr. Lesser and Mr. Parisella of Beverly) were considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

Resolutions designating August 14th and 15th, 2021 as the sales tax holiday weekend in the month of August.”

Sales tax holiday.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the resolutions (Senate, No. 2478) were adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

The following matter was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The Senate Bill authorizing the city of Gloucester to appoint retired police officers as special police officers (Senate, No. 34) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time.

Gloucester,-- police
officers.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Tarr presented an amendment in section 2, by striking out, in lines 19 and 20, the words “, chapter 150E of the General Laws, of chapter 151A” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-

“or chapter 150E”;

In section 5, by inserting after the word “officer”, in line 34, the following words:- “, requirements for training, requirements for firearms licensing and qualifications”; and

In section 7, by inserting after the word “incapacity”, in line 49, the following words:- “. In no event shall payment under said section 111F of said chapter 41 exceed, in any calendar year”.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 34, amended) was then passed to be engrossed. [For text of Senate bill, printed as amended, see Senate, No. 2479].

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Moment of Silence.

The Chair (Mr. Collins), members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Frances Dichner.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

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.

Adjournment in Memory of Frances Dichner.

The Senator from First Suffolk and Middlesex, Mr. Boncore, presented a request that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Frances Dichner of Middleton.

Frances Dichner, beloved wife of Alex Dichner, passed away suddenly while vacationing in Puerto Rico on Friday, May 21st.

Born in Athens, Greece, Fran was adopted by Stephen and Demetra Conides of Lynn and came to the United States in 1956. She graduated from Lynn English High School and went on to earn her degree in Education from Salem State College.

Fran spent the early part of her career in banking and finance and was one of the first employees to work for Ned Johnson at Fidelity Investments. In 1980, Fran joined a Lynn based employment agency, R&L Personnel, as a Staffing Coordinator and that is where she met her husband. They bought the company in 1993 and over the next 25 years transformed it into a nationally recognized staffing agency. Fran served as the President of R&L Associates and The Aries Group and was actively involved with the North Shore business community serving as President of Beverly Kiwanis, a board member of the North Shore Chamber of Commerce, President of the Boston chapter of NAWBO, a member of the Salem State University Foundation Board, a board member of North Shore Women in Business and helped other local Chambers of Commerce as well as many non-profits both locally and nationally. Fran received many awards for her achievements both professionally and philanthropically including Businessperson of the Year, North Shore Top 100, and the Red Cross Heroes Award.

Fran mentored countless new entrepreneurs to help them start and grow their business and was especially fond of the time she spent helping young women from Girls, Inc. of Lynn. Fran loved travel, art, music, history, and animals among many other things but what she loved most of all was sharing time with family and friends.

In addition to her husband with whom she shared 36 years of marriage, Fran is survived by her godson, Joseph Boncore and wife Christine of Winthrop, her nieces Amber

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Bergstrom and husband David of New Hampshire, Chrissy Sciaraffa and husband, Mark of Winthrop, Corinna Boncore and partner, Nick Mesa of Winthrop and her cousin, Goldie Boncore and husband, Phil of Winthrop.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Frances Dichner, at twenty-six minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Fattman, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.