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Thursday, August 5, 2021.

Met at five 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.

Communication.

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to item 1599-2040 of Section 2B of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its Paid Prior Year Deficiency Report through the fourth quarter of FY2021 (received August 3, 2021),-- was placed on file.

CTR,-- PYD report. SD998

Petition.

Ms. Rausch presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rebecca L. Rausch, Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Elizabeth A. Malia, David Paul Linsky and others for legislation to mitigate COVID-19 transmission among children and families,-- and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Schools,-- COVID-19 transmission. SD2723

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The following petitions, having been timely filed by 5 o'clock P.M. on February 19, 2021, were referred in concurrence as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4046) of Mike Connolly relative to local approval of inclusionary zoning; and

Inclusionary zoning.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4057) of Mike Connolly and Nika C. Elugardo relative to local approval of condominium conversion ordinances;

Condo conversion ordinances.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4025) of Mike Connolly, Michelle M. DuBois and Nika C. Elugardo for legislation to establish a task force (including members of the General Court) to study and make actionable recommendations regarding public ownership of public utilities;

Ownership of public utilities,-- task force.

To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Bills

Preserving open space in the Commonwealth (House, No. 851,-- on Senate, No. 524 and House, No. 974); and

Commonwealth,-- open space.

Promoting student nutrition (House, No. 3999,-- on House, No. 715);

Student nutrition.

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Auburn as the Robert Conroy Memorial Bridge (House, No. 3459,-- on petition); and

Auburn,-- Robert Conroy Bridge.

Designating a certain bridge in the towns of Middleborough and Carver as the Medal

Middleborough and

of Honor Bridge (House, No. 3476,-- on petition);

Carver,-- bridge.

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

Bills

Relative to the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Arlington (House, No. 3754,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Arlington,-- special police officers.

Authorizing Justin Brown to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the town of Arlington (House, No. 3755,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Arlington,-- firefighter.

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

A report of the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1219) of Edward J. Kennedy for legislation to raise employment and combating opioids through vocational education and rehabilitation (RECOVER), and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery,— **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

RECOVER.

Resolutions.

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

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

Joseph Campo.

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

Brendan Connelly.

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

Gavin Graybill.

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

Devin Hamilton.

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

John Hull.

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

Charlie Jacobson.

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

Connor Jewson.

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

Colin Keady.

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

Logan Littell.

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

Christian Lyttle.

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

Liam Martin.

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

Mark Mustone.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brady) “congratulating Matthew O'Hara on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Matthew O'Hara.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brady) “congratulating Michael Reidy on his elevation to

Michael Reidy.

the rank of Eagle Scout”;

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

Ethan Ritchie.

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

John Vining.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Martin Spencer Caron on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

Martin Spencer Caron.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

The following matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The Senate Bill amending the charter of the city of Amesbury to increase the term of the mayor to 4 years (Senate, No. 2449),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Amesbury,-- mayor.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill amending the charter of the city of Amesbury relative to the position of school committee chair (Senate, No. 2450),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Amesbury,-- school committee.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

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 Joan B. Lovely for legislation relative to banning child sex dolls.

Child sex dolls.
SD2716

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O’Connor, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

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 Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to a service based retirement option for Group 1 and Group 2 career employees.

Retirement option,--
service based.
SD2506

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O’Connor, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service.

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 Marc R. Pacheco for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the towns of Middleborough and Carver as the Medal of Honor Bridge.

Middleborough and
Carver,-- bridge.
SD2661

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O’Connor, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

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A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Christina Ruccio, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department (House, No. 3927,-- on petition),-- was read.

Christina Ruccio,--
sick leave.

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.

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

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4061) (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize persons sixteen years of age or older to vote in town elections in the town of Wendell;

Wendell,-- town elections.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4062) of Kenneth I. Gordon relative to the office of the state climatologist within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs;

Office of the State Climatologist.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

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 nine minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.