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Monday, August 9, 2021.

Met at ten 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.

### *Communication.*

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction inspection on June 16 and 17, 2021 (received August 5, 2021),-- **was placed on file.**

DPH,-- plan of correction.  
SD2724

### *Petitions.*

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ryan C. Fattman and Joseph D. McKenna for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Rafael Valentin, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families; and

Rafael Valentin,-- sick leave.  
SD2725

By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to small businesses and the sale of certain cultural products;

Small businesses,-- cultural products.  
SD2551

**Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

### *Report of a Committee.*

By Ms. Moran, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 40), a Bill authorizing the town of Southbridge to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2509) [Local approval received on Senate, No. 40];

Southbridge,-- liquor licenses.

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

### *Placed on File.*

Mr. Barrett, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on the communication from the Division of Energy Resources of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under the provisions of section 12 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting amendments to 225 CMR 14.00 and 15.00, Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard Regulations (RPS) Class I and Class II (House, No. 3923),-- **reported, recommending that the same be placed on file.**

DOER,-- RPS regulations.

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

### *Committee Discharged.*

Mr. Eldridge, for the committee on the Judiciary, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1084) of Joan B. Lovely and Thomas P. Walsh for legislation relative to bullying in public housing,-- **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Housing;**

Public housing,--  
bullying.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1010) of Brian Coppola for legislation to establish psychiatric advance directives for mental health care,-- **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery;**

Psychiatric advance  
directives.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 935) of Clare McDermet for legislation to designate primary, caucus, and election days as commonwealth holidays;

Voter holidays.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1030) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation to establish a November holiday honoring President John F. Kennedy, to promote increased voter participation and civic engagement; and

John F. Kennedy,--  
holiday.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1125) of Rebecca L. Rausch and Erika Uyterhoeven for legislation to establish election day as a legal holiday;

Election day,--  
holiday.

**And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.**

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4058) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) relative to the appropriation and expenditure of community preservation funds for community housing purposes in the town of Chatham; and

Chatham,--  
community housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4059) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Chatham be authorized to establish a housing trust fund in said town.

Chatham,-- housing  
trust fund.

**Severally, to the committee on Housing.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4060) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Chatham be authorized to establish a real property transfer fee in said town.

Chatham,-- real  
property transfer fee.

**To the committee on Revenue.**

**Bills**

Authorizing the town of Lancaster to continue the employment of Maurice Bateman (House, No. 3760,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Lancaster,--  
Maurice Bateman.

Authorizing the town of Lancaster to continue the employment of Kevin Lamb (House, No. 3761,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Lancaster,--  
Kevin Lamb.

Authorizing the town of Webster to grant additional liquor licenses (House, No. 3898,-- on House, No. 3822) [Local approval received on House, No. 3822].

Webster,--  
liquor license.

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

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Moore) “commending the United States Capitol Police and the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia who protected the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021.”

U.S. Capitol Police  
and Metropolitan  
Police of the District  
of Columbia.

*Matter 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 House Bill amending the charter of the city of Northampton (House, No. 3995) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time.

Northampton,-- charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Comerford presented an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2510.

**The amendment was adopted.**

**The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.**

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Julie DeRosa, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 3915,-- on petition),-- was read.

Julie DeRosa,-- 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.**

*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 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.

COVID-19,-- children and families. SD2723

**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 Health.**

**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. 4066) of Carolyn C. Dykema (by vote of the town) relative to amending the charter of the town of Hopkinton to change the name of the board of selectmen to select board;

Hopkinton,-- board of selectmen.

**Under suspension of Joint Rule 7B, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4067) of Kimberly N. Ferguson, Anne M. Gobi and others relative to municipal light plant emergency mutual aid;

Municipal light plant,-- mutual aid.

**Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy.**

*Moment of Silence.*

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, the Chair (Mr. Collins), members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Danial "Danny" Bradshaw Sheehan.

Moment of silence.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday 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 Daniel "Danny" Bradshaw Sheehan.*

The Senator from Plymouth and Norfolk, Mr. O'Connor, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Daniel "Danny" Bradshaw Sheehan.

On August 8, 2021, after battling brain cancer for 4 years, 8-year-old Daniel "Danny" Bradshaw Sheehan entered the gates of Heaven to laugh and play with his identical twin, Joseph, as they never got to do here on Earth.

Danny is survived by his loving parents, Daniel and Natalie (Shaw) Sheehan of Marshfield; Grandparents Judith and Bradley "Tup" Shaw of Marshfield, Ellen Keating of Hingham, and Daniel Sheehan of Marshfield; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, police, nurses, doctors, teachers, and school friends.

Danny's departure leaves a hole in the lives of all those whom he met. To know him was to absolutely adore him. A wise old man in a little boy's body, Danny was an impish ball of determination, light, cuddles, stubbornness, manners, fighting spirit, humor, sweetness, and laughter. He loved nothing more than snuggling with his best friend, Mummy (said in an English accent – a result of Danny's being an avid fan of Peppa Pig), telling jokes with his beloved Daddy, making "set-ups" with his toys and trains, seeing his friends from school and attending birthday parties, making voyages to the toy aisles of Target, devouring endless plates of noodles with Parmesan cheese or fries with ketchup, and telling everyone about how his rescue dogs, Ryder and Miley.

Whether you knew him as Marshfield Police Officer Sheehan, the young superhero coined AquaDan after his affection for Aquaman, the little redhead who bounced around the halls of Boston Children's Hospital, a champion of raising funds for various nonprofits, or a future rock star racecar driver, each interaction with Danny was sure to be one with silly stories, songs, or jokes. Always levity and laughter. In true Danny fashion, we leave you with one of Danny's favorite jokes: "Why did the poodle turn the air on? Because it didn't want to be a hot dog!" May you always hear his little voice telling this joke followed by echoes of his riotous laughter.

Danny, your fight is now over. Rest in peace to a young boy taken far too early from us.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Daniel "Danny" Bradshaw Sheehan, at twenty-one minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. O'Connor, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.