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Thursday, August 12, 2021.

Met at five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Friedman in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

The Chair (Ms. Friedman), 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 Stephen J. Harris, Clerk the West Virginia House of Delegates, transmitting a copy of House Resolution 22 relative to a licensed Off Highway Vehicle semi-contiguous trail to parrallel the Appalachian Trail on the western side;

Appalachian Trail.

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 5G of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its second FY21 capital gains tax revenue transfers to various funds (received August 9, 2021);

CTR,-- capital gains transfers. SD2726

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the MCI Norfolk inspection on May 26, 27, 28 and June 1, 2021 (received August 10, 2021); and

DPH,-- plan of correction. SD2727

Communication from His Excellency the Governor, Charles D. Baker, (pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Resolves of 2020) announcing the appointment of Donna D. Curtin to the Special Commission to Investigate the Features of the Official Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth (received August 10, 2021).

Official Seal and Motto Commission,-- appointment.

Report.

Report of the Division of Occupational Licensure (pursuant to Section 3B of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting a notification of proposed fee change (received August 9, 2021),-- was placed on file.

DOL,-- fee change. SD2728

Petition.

Mr. Tarr (by request) presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lori Bowen for legislation relative to preventing abuse of restraining orders by a third party,-- and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Restraining orders,-- third party. SD2729

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointment by the Minority Leader:

Representative David Vieira of Falmouth has been appointed to serve as his designee on the special commission established (under Section 132 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) to investigate and study the promotion and celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.

250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commission.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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. 4068) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf, Vanna Howard and Carol A. Doherty relative to educational support for children in foster care;

Foster care,--
educational support.

To the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4069) of Chynah Tyler relative to the establishment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) to reassess school integration within the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) Program;

School integration
commission.

To the committee on Education.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4070) of Daniel J. Hunt relative to campaign finance reform;

Campaign finance
reform.

To the committee on Election Laws

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4071) of Nika C. Elugardo, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Jack Patrick Lewis that the Department of Housing and Community Development provide for programs, policies, guidelines, priorities and preferences for the housing of formerly incarcerated persons reentering communities; and

Incarcerated
persons,-- housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4072) of Thomas P. Walsh that home buyers be provided copies of the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency homebuyers' guide;

MA Housing Finance
Agency homebuyers'
guide.

Severally to the committee on Housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4073) of Paul W. Mark for legislation to authorize justices of the Probate and Family Court Department to solemnize marriages;

Probate and Family
Court Justices,--
marriages.

To the committee on The Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4074) of Mike Connolly and others relative to implementing certain options for raising new revenue;

New revenue,--
implementation.

To the committee on Revenue.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4075) of Mike Connolly, Christina A. Minicucci and Michelle M. DuBois relative to implementing free public transit;

Public transit,-- free.

To the committee on Transportation.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4065) of David Paul Linsky (by vote of the town) that the town of Natick be authorized to issue three additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.**

Natick,-- liquor
licenses.

A Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Wilmington as the Trooper Thomas W. Devlin memorial bridge and a certain railway platform in the city of Northampton as the Honorable Peter V. Kocot memorial station (House, No. 3942,-- on House, No. 3479),- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

Wilmington,--
Trooper Thomas W.
Devlin bridge.

Reports

Of the committee on The Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1668) of Steven S. Howitt and Norman J. Orrall relative to illegally disposing of certain waste,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture; and

Waste,-- illegal
disposal.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1838) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and

Public safety
officers,-- line of

others for legislation to provide special line-of-duty death benefits to public safety officers,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Service;

duty benefits.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1493 of Tackey Chan, Michelle M. DuBois and Daniel Cahill relative to making Presidential election days state holidays,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight ;

Presidential election days,-- state holidays.

Were severally considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Ann Marie Hebert on her retirement as President of the Massachusetts Municipal Auditors’ & Accountants’ Association”; and

Ann Marie Hebert.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Timilty) “commending Carl Sawtelle for his contributions to the field of Social Work in the Commonwealth.”

Carl Sawtelle.

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 Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to provide for a medical exemption for manufacturer coupons.

Manufacturer coupons,-- exemption. SD2673

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 Financial Services.

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 Julian Cyr for legislation relative to indigenous representation on the Martha’s Vineyard Commission.

Martha’s Vineyard Commission. SD2655

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 Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

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 House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Christina Ruccio, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department (House, No. 3927),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Christine Ruccio,-- sick leave.

The House Bill revoking the town of Longmeadow’s acceptance of a certain general law establishing a board of election commissioners (House, No. 94),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Longmeadow,-- election commissioners.

The House Bill allowing the town of Wakefield to employ retired police officers as special police officers (House, No. 2714),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading as follows: “An Act authorizing the town of Wakefield to employ retired police officers as special**

Wakefield,-- special police officers

officers”.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

An engrossed Bill amending the charter of the city of Northampton (see House, No. 3995, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Ms. Friedman) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Bill laid before the Governor.

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 twenty minutes before twelve o’clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M.