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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.

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 parallel the Appalachian Trail on the western side;

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);

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

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).

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.

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.

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.
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:

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:

To the committee on Education.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4072) of Thomas P. Walsh that homebuyers be provided copies of the Massachusetts 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:

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:

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:

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.

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.

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

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

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 ;

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

Resolved.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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
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.

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.

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.