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Thursday, August 19, 2021.

Met at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Collins 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 (Mr. Collins), 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 Section 2E of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) submitting a fiscal year 2022 transfer schedule for the following account: 1599-6152 State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund (received August 18, 2021),-- was placed on file.

CTR,-- transfer schedule. SD2733

Report.

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 July 2021 (received August 16, 2021),-- was placed on file.

EOTC,-- summary process report. SD2732

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2511) of Barry R. Finegold and Frank A. Moran (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Andover to grant 7 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises [Local approval received];

Andover,-- liquor licenses.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2512) of Barry R. Finegold and Frank A. Moran (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Andover to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption [Local approval received];

Andover,-- property tax.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to H-2B worker mobility,-- **under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

H-2B worker mobility. SD2736

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. 4079) of Natalie M. Higgins and Jack

Gender affirming care,-- coverage.

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Patrick Lewis relative to healthcare coverage for certain gender affirming care;

To the committee on Financial Services.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4080) of Natalie M. Higgins that the State 911 Department publish on its website a statewide disability indicator form;

Disability indicator form,-- 911 website.

To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4081) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr. relative to the expansion of renewable heating fuels and renewable thermal heating; and

Renewable heating.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4082) of David M. Rogers and Paul A. Schmid, III for legislation to establish a high emissions vehicle retirement program;

Vehicle retirement program.

Severally to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4076) of James Arciero and Edward J. Kennedy (by vote of the town) that the town of Westford be authorized to dedicate two parcels of land in said town for the Beaver Brook Road Bridge improvement project; and

Westford,-- land dedication.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4077) of William C. Galvin (by vote of the town) that the town of Canton be authorized to grant a right of way access easement across certain land in said town;

Canton,-- easement.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

A Bill amending the Attleboro city charter by making all gender references therein gender neutral (House, No. 2169,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Attleboro,-- city charter.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) “congratulating Kyle Gallucci on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Kyle Gallucci.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) “congratulating Ryan Gallucci on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”; and

Ryan Gallucci.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) “congratulating Brendan Smith on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

Brendan Smith.

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 authorizing the city of Greenfield to lease a certain parcel of land (House, No. 2189, changed),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Greenfield,-- land lease.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tara Blodgett, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 4064,-- on House, No. 3992),-- was read.

Tara Blodgett,-- 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.

Engrossed Bill.

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An engrossed Bill allowing elected officers in the town of Lee to serve on the board of public works of the town (see House, No. 2757) (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 (Mr. Collins) 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 sixteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.