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Met at six minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger 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. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communications.

The following communications were severally read and placed on file, to wit:

Communication from the Honorable Charles D. Baker, Governor, announcing the appointment of Kenneth D. Hiscoe III and Abigail B. Chandler, PhD (under Section 132(a) of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) to the Special Commission to Investigate and Study the Promotion and Celebration of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the American Revolution (received September 17, 2021); and

Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the American Revolution,-- special commission.

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the MCI Concord inspection on June 29 and 30, 2021 (received September 16, 2021).

DPH,-- plan of correction. SD2761

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to gender identity on Massachusetts identification (Senate, No. 2282),-- ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2533);

Identification,-- gender identity.

By the same Senator, for the same committee that the Senate Bill relative to healthy youth (Senate, No. 2495),-- ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2534); and

Sex education,-- students.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, that the House Bill promoting student nutrition (House, No. 3999) (also based on Senate, No. 298),-- ought to pass, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2532;

Student nutrition.

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules with the several amendments pending.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4111) of Liz Miranda (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the Boston Retirement System be authorized to establish an alternative superannuation retirement benefit program for certain educators and nurses,-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Boston Retirement System.

A Bill relative to recall of elected officers in the town of Wenham (House, No.

Wenham,-- elected

3746,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

officers.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating former Mayor of the City of Taunton, Richard Johnson, on the dedication of the Oakland Education and Recreation Community Complex in the City of Taunton in his honor”; and

Richard Johnson.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rodrigues) “congratulating Howard Merkowitz on the occasion of his retirement as Deputy Comptroller.”

Howard Merkowitz.

Reports of Committees.

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, September 23, 2021:

The House Bill promoting student nutrition (House, No. 3999) (the committee on Ways and Means having recommended that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2532).

Student nutrition.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the reported was considered forthwith and accepted.

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Identification,--
gender identity.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the reported was considered forthwith and accepted.

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Sex education,--
students.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the reported was considered forthwith and accepted.

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 Brendan P. Crighton for legislation relative to the modernization of state agency information technology systems;

IT systems,--
modernization.
SD2645

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity.

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 Susan L. Moran for legislation to protect the Upper Cape water supply reserve;

Upper Cape water
supply reserve.
SD2659

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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 Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to authorize the county of Plymouth to issue pension obligation bonds or notes;

Plymouth county,--
pension bonds.
SD2750

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, 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.

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 Susan L. Moran, Kathleen R. LaNatra, Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to enhance child care relief;

Child care relief.
SD2754

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Revenue.

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 to promote American manufacturing;

American
manufacturing.
SD2753

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence

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 Senate Bill providing a tax exemption for certain qualifying real estate in the town of Hamilton (Senate, No. 1362),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Hamilton,--
real estate.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tanya Hackett, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 4103,-- on petition),-- was read.

Tanya Hackett,--
sick leave.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4119) of Ruth B. Balser and Michael Nogrady relative to the use of white noise reverse alarms on motor vehicles operating on construction site;

Construction noise,--
worker safety.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4120) of Ruth B. Balser and others relative to library access to electronic books and digital audiobooks;

Library access,--
electronic books.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Authorizing the city of Gloucester to appoint retired police officers as special police officers (see Senate, No. 2479);

Authorizing the town of Norwood to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 3897); and

Changing the name of the members of the city council in the city of Woburn from alderman to councilor (see House, No. 3947).

Bills laid before the Governor.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in a full formal session with 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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.