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Met at twenty-five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), 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 2 of Chapter 33 of the Acts of 2021) submitting the fiscal year 2022 transfer schedules for the following accounts: 1595-XXXX Student Opportunity Act Investment Fund (SOAIF) and 1595-YYYY Pension Liability Fund (PLF) (received October 18, 2021),-- was placed on file.

CTR,-- transfer schedules. SD2803

Reports.

The following reports were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Report of the Department of Environmental Protection (pursuant to Section 6J 1/2(g) of Chapter 21H of the General Laws) submitting its Thermostat Recycling Corporation 2020 Mercury Thermostat Report (received October 14, 2021);

MassDEP,-- mercury thermostat report. SD2798

Report of the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its financial statements and supplementary information for the year ended June 30, 2021 (received October 14, 2021);

MART,-- auditors' report. SD2799

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Sections 5, 20 and 21 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspection of Middlesex County Jail and House of Correction (received October 14, 2021);

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD2801

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 September 2021 (received October 15, 2021); and

EOTC,-- summary process report. SD2802

Report of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (pursuant to item 1790-3009 of Section 2 of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its second quarterly report on the deployment of an online delivery system for unemployment insurance compensation benefits (received October 18, 2021).

EOLWD,-- online UI report. SD2804

Petition.

Ms. Comerford (by request) presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mason Woolley for legislation relative to protecting people with disabilities,-- and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

People with disabilities,-- protect. SD2800

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Resolutions.

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

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

James Robert
Langley.

Reports of a Committee.

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, October 21, 2021:

The Senate Bill relative to military spouse-licensure portability, education and enrollment of dependents (Senate, No. 2502) (the committee on Senate Ways and Means having recommended that the bill be amended substituting a new draft with the same title, Senate, No. 2558); and

Military dependents,-
- education.

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

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, October 21, 2021:

The Senate Bill concerning genocide education (Senate, No. 2525) (the committee on Senate Ways and Means having recommended that the bill be amended substituting a new draft with the same title, Senate, No. 2557).

Genocide education.

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

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 Senate Bill relative to the select board of the town of Goshen (Senate, No. 2513),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

Goshen,-- select
board.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Sandisfield to continue the employment of employees subject to mandatory retirement (House, No. 3856),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

Sandisfield,--
retirement.

The House Bill authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Arlington (House, No. 3754) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Arlington,-- retired
police officers.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Whately to continue the employment of fire department member Gary Stone, a member of the fire department of the town (House, No. 3854),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Whately,-- Gary
Stone.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Whately to continue the employment of William Smith, a member of the fire department of the town (House, No. 3855),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Whately,-- William
Smith.

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PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Bill relative to the membership of the board of selectmen of the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 3948,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Fairhaven,-- board of selectmen.

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

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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 twenty-eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.