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

Pledge of allegiance.

Reports.

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

Report of the Office of Medicaid (pursuant to Section 265 of Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012) submitting its 2020 annual report certifying the compliance of contracted health plans with mental health parity requirements (received August 16, 2021); and

Office of Medicaid,--
MH report.
SD2687

Report of the Health Equity Task Force (pursuant to Section 2(d) of Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2020, as amended by Section 90 of Chapter 124 of the Acts of 2020 and Section 67 of Chapter 29 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its final report entitled "A Blueprint for Health Equity" (received August 12, 2021).

HETF,-- final report.
SD2731

Petition.

Mr. Pacheco presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marc R. Pacheco, Carol A. Doherty and Patricia A. Haddad for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Lisa Sbrogna, an employee of the Department of Mental Health,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Lisa Sbrogna,--
sick leave.
SD2730

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the town of Norwood to grant an additional liquor license (House, No. 3897,-- on House, No. 3741) [Local approval received on House, No. 3741],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Norwood,-- liquor
license.

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Christina Ruccio, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department (see House, No. 3927), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0.

Christina Ruccio,--
sick leave.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Boncore) and sent to the House for enactment.

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 to allow elected officers in the town of Lee to serve on the Board of Public Works (House, No. 2757),-- 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 allowing elected officers in the town of Lee to serve on the board of public works of the town".

Lee,-- public works.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the House), 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. Boncore) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Bills laid before the Governor.

Revoking the town of Longmeadow's acceptance of a certain general law establishing a board of election commissioners (see House, No. 94);

Authorizing the town of Wakefield to employ retired police officers as special police officers (see House, No. 2714); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Christina Ruccio, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department (see House, No. 3927).

Reprecincting.

The House Bill relative to reprecincting (House, No. 3863),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had NON-concurred in the Senate amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2489, and had asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Representatives Moran of Boston, Ryan of Boston and Dooley of Norfolk had been appointed the committee on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, the Senate insisted on its amendment and concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference; and Senators Brownsberger, Finegold and Fattman were appointed on the part of the Senate.

The bill was returned to the House endorsed accordingly.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

Time of meeting.

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday 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 two minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.