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Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

Met at a quarter past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Lovely in the Chair).

The Chair (Ms. Lovely), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Honorable Charles D. Baker, Governor, announcing the appointment of Suzanne S. Taylor and David O'Donnell (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 October 8, 2021),-- was placed on file.

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

Reports.

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

Report of the Cape Ann Transportation 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 8, 2021); and

CATA,-- auditors' report. SD2793

Report of the Pioneer Valley 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 8, 2021).

PVTA,-- auditors' report. SD2794

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill further regulating the membership of the board of trustees of the Woburn Public Library Corporation (House, No. 3820,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Woburn Public Library,-- board membership.

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

Message from His Excellency the Governor (pursuant to Article II, Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation ratifying the town meeting of the town of Rowley (Senate, No. 2550) (received in the office of the Clerk of the Senate on Thursday, October 7, 2021, at five o'clock P.M.);

Rowley,-- town meeting.

The message was read; and, under Senate Rule 20, with the accompanying bill, was referred to the committee on Election Laws.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Moran) “commending Monica Lyden Mullin on her many years of dedicated service to the Commonwealth upon the occasion of her retirement.”

Monica Lyden
Mullin.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The Senate Bill upgrading hen welfare and establishing uniform cage-free standards (Senate, No. 2481),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence *with an amendment* striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of House document numbered 4194; by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Hen welfare.

“*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to ensure hen welfare and establish uniform cage-free standards, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: “An Act further regulating hen welfare and establishing uniform cage-free standards”.

Mr. Tarr moved that the Senate NON-concur in the House amendments and asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and Senators Lewis, Rausch and Tarr were appointed to the committee on the part of the Senate.

The bill was returned to the House endorsed accordingly.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4203) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Nantucket be authorized to designate the Nantucket Housing Authority as the agency authorized to create, administer and enforce housing needs covenants in said town;

Nantucket,-- housing
needs.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 7B, to the committee on Housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4202) of Joan Meschino and others relative to waivers for non-fault overpayments of certain unemployment insurance benefits;

Unemployment
insurance,-- waivers.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4201) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Nantucket to impose a real estate transfer fee for affordable and workforce housing;

Nantucket,--
affordable housing.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 7B, to the committee on Revenue.

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., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

On motion of the same Senator, at eighteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.