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

Pledge of allegiance.

Reports of a Committee.

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on petition, a Bill directing the administration to amend the Frail Elder Home and Community-Based Waiver to permit eligible older adults to choose to reside in Certified Assisted Living Residences (Senate, No. 410); and

Assisted living,-- waiver.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 412 and House, No. 735, a Bill increasing the personal needs allowance for residents of long term care facilities (Senate, No. 412);

Personal needs allowance.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on petition, a Bill further regulating the Assisted Living Advisory Council (Senate, No. 408);

ALAC,-- regulating.

Read and, under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on Senate, No. 411 and House, No. 750, a Bill relative to assisting elders and people with disabilities in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 411);

Emergency aid,-- elderly and disabled.

Read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4207) of Sean Garballey, Cindy F. Friedman and David M. Rogers (by vote of the town) relative to ranked choice voting in the town of Arlington;

Arlington,-- ranked choice voting.

To the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4208) of Erika Uyterhoeven and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to establish a program to provide certain tenants and entities the right to purchase the residential property in which the tenants reside when that residential property is being offered for sale;

Somerville,-- tenant protections.

To the committee on Housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4209) of Erika Uyterhoeven and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the definition of domestic partners as spouses and dependents for employees of the city of Somerville;

Somerville,-- domestic partners.

**To the committee on Public Service.**

**Bills**

Relative to the department of public works in the town of Westborough (House, No. 3918,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Westborough,-- DPW.

Restoring an increase in the membership of the Board of Health in the city of Framingham (House, No. 4084,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Framingham,-- Board of Health.

**Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

*Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill increasing the membership of the board of selectmen of the town of Fairhaven (see House, No. 3948) (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 (Ms. Friedman) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “commending the Rotary Club of Taunton on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary.”

The Rotary Club of Taunton.

*Reports of Committees.*

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 Michael F. Rush, Anne M. Gobi, Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr., Joanne M. Comerford and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the governance, structure and care of veterans at the Commonwealth’s veterans’ homes;

Veterans' homes,-- governance. SD2765

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

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4221) of Jessica Ann Giannino and Jeffrey Rosario Turco (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to transfer an easement in certain property and the fee in certain properties to the city of Revere all for municipal purposes;

Revere,-- land.

**Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4220) of Jay D. Livingstone relative to authorizing local control of waste collection hours of operation;

Waste collection,-- local control.

**Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Health.**

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

*Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.*

There being no objection, the following matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The Senate Bill to amend the town charter of the town of North Andover (Senate, No. 2497),-- was read a third time.

North Andover,--  
town charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Tarr and Ms. DiZoglio moved that the bill be amended by substituting a new draft entitled "An Act amending the town charter of the town of North Andover" (Senate, No. 2561).

**The amendment was adopted.**

**The bill (Senate, No. 2561) was then passed to be engrossed.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The House Bill authorizing the town of Sandisfield to continue the employment of employees subject to mandatory retirement (House, No. 3856),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Sandisfield,--  
mandatory  
retirement.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

*Ordered,* That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Wednesday next at one o'clock P.M. in a full formal session with a calendar.

Time of meeting.

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