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

The Chair (Mr. Collins), 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 Department of Public Health (pursuant to Sections 5, 20 and 21 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspection of Western MA Women's Correctional Center (received November 18, 2021); and

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD2845

Report of the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 12(a) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting its Statutory Basis Financial Report (SBFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 (received November 19, 2021).

CTR,-- FY21 SBFR. SD2847

Petition.

Ms. Comerford presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joanne M. Comerford and Adam G. Hinds for legislation to allow municipalities to reasonably regulate solar siting,-- and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Municipalities,-- solar siting. SD2846

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill further regulating group insurance benefits for state employees and retired state employees (Senate, No. 1676);

GIC benefits,-- state employees.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the collective bargaining rights for employees of the committee for public counsel services (Senate, No. 1745);

CPCS,-- collective bargaining rights.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to health insurance for surviving spouses (Senate, No. 1766);

Spouses,-- health insurance.

By Mr. Keenan, for the committee on Transportation, on petition, a Bill to provide identification to youth and adults experiencing homelessness (Senate, No. 2276);

Real ID,-- homeless individuals.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill directing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to conduct a highway noise study in Quincy (Senate, No. 2342);

Quincy,-- noise study.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing the Blue Star Family license plate (Senate, No. 2376); and

Blue Star Family,-- license plate.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2365), a Bill to ensure benefits through enhanced Selective Service registration (Senate No. 2585);

Selective Service,-- registration.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to implementing the recommendations of the Special Commission on Operating Under the Influence and Impaired Driving (House, No. 4255),-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.**

Special Commission on Operating Under the Influence and Impaired Driving.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4261) of Sheila C. Harrington (by vote of the town) relative to the charter and the town clerk in the town of Groton,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Groton,-- charter.

Bills

Classifying the death of city of Lawrence police patrolman Jacob Eyssi (House, No. 3910,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Jacob Eyssi,--
Lawrence police.

Relative to the Selectboard of the town of Duxbury (House, No. 3937, amended,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Duxbury,--
selectboard.

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

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Gobi) “congratulating the Exchange Club of Spencer on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary.”

Spencer Exchange Club.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Election Laws, being a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill ratifying the town meeting of the town of Rowley (printed in Senate, No. 2550);

Rowley,--
town meeting.

The bill was read. 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.

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 authorizing Brigitte Hamel to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (Senate, No. 2447),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Haverhill,-- civil
service exam.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill relative to certain affordable housing owned and operated by the Ipswich Housing Authority (House, No. 3809),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Ipswich,--
affordable housing.

The House Bill further regulating the membership of the board of trustees of the Woburn Public Library (House, No. 3820) (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.**

Woburn,--
public library.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Cambridge to use certain land for general municipal purposes and the installation of subsurface geothermal wells (House, No. 3996),-- was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. DiDomenico presented an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2586.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4266) of James M. Kelcourse that the State Retirement Board be authorized to credit John Farrell, an employee of the Haverhill Fire Department, with certain time served in the United States Armed Forces,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

John Farrell,--
creditable service.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Collins), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection in memory of Emma Dorothy Greenspan.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Emma Dorothy Greenspan.

The Senator from Bristol and Norfolk, Mr. Feeney, presented a request that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Emma Dorothy Greenspan of Sharon.

Emma Dorothy Greenspan of Sharon passed away on October 16th at the age of seven. A vivacious, caring young lady, Emma had a love for being outdoors and exploring nature, along with a passion for reading. She will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and the community of Sharon.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Emma Dorothy Greenspan, at seventeen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.