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

Pledge of allegiance.

Special commission

appointment.

Communication.

Communication from His Excellency the Governor relative to the appointment of Sergeant Detective Pamelia Harris (pursuant to Section 108(a) of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the special commission established to study the establishment of a Statewide Law Enforcement Officer Cadet Program,-- was placed on file.

Report.

Report of the Department of Revenue (pursuant to Section 10(k) of Chapter 16 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its report on the COVID-19 Massachusetts emergency paid sick leave program as of December 22, 2021 (received December 23, 2021),-- was placed on file.

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Pacheco, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill to establish a November holiday honoring President John F. Kennedy, to promote increased voter participation and civic engagement (Senate, No. 1030);

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

By Mr. Pacheco, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill prohibiting taxpayer-funded nondisclosure agreements (Senate, No. 2047);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to state contracting (Senate, No. 2061);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Resolve establishing a needs assessment of municipal public safety & security facilities (Senate, No. 2067);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to ensure gender parity and racial and ethnic diversity on public boards and commissions (Senate, No. 2077);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to debar employers who violate certain federal laws from contracting with the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2098); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to increase competition and reduce costs for constructing water treatment plants (Senate, No. 2122);

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John F. Kennedy,--

holiday.

Nondisclosure

agreements.

State contracting.

Gateway cities,-public safety facilities. Gender parity,-public boards.

Immigration laws,-employers.

Water treatment plants,-- costs.

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

By Mr. Pacheco, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill establishing Building Trades Recovery Week (Senate, No. 2023);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing plastic pollution action day in the commonwealth (Senate, No. 2038);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill designating the last day of February as rare disease day in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2058);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill designating July 8 as Massachusetts Emancipation Day a.k.a. Quock Walker Day (Senate, No. 2059);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill regarding Huntington's Disease Awareness Month (Senate, No. 2062);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing 413 Day (Senate, No. 2069);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill designating May 6 as Moyamoya Disease Awareness Day (Senate, No. 2074);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to establish the third Saturday in July as Negro Election Day (Senate, No. 2083);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the flying of the flag of the Commonwealth at half staff on state buildings and installations (Senate, No. 2123); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill designating March as Fibromuscular Dysplasia Awareness Month (Senate, No. 2124);

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill designating the department of unemployment assistance building in the city of Brockton as the C. Gerald Lucey Building (see House, No. 4024), 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.

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

A Bill authorizing the town of Orleans to adopt a sewer assessment bylaw (House, No. 2196,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

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

A Bill establishing a select board in the town of Bolton (House, No. 4198,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

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

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4314) of Michelle L. Ciccolo, Cindy F. Friedman and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) relative to a community housing

Building Trades Recovery Week.

Plastic pollution,-action day.

Rare Disease Day.

Massachusetts Emancipation Day.

Huntington's,-awareness month.

413 Day,-- tourism.

Moyamoya Disease Awareness Day.

Negro Election Day,-- establish.

State buildings,-flying of the flag.

Fibromuscular Dysplasia Month.

Brockton,-- Lucey Building.

Orleans,-- sewer assessment.

Bolton,-- select board.

Lexington,-- housing surcharge.

surcharge in the town of Lexington,-- was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 7B, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill designating the department of unemployment assistance building in the city of Brockton as the C. Gerald Lucey Building (see House, No. 4024) (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. Lovely) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

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

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

Bill laid before the Governor.

Time of meeting.