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

Pledge of allegiance.

Communications.

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

Communication from His Excellency the Governor relative to the appointment of Leon E. Wilson, Jr. (pursuant to Section 132 (a) of Chapter 24 of the General Laws) to the Special Commission to Investigate and Study the Promotion and Celebration of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the American Revolution (received January 3, 2022); and

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

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Sections 1A and 1B of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its report on the comparison of actual revenue collections to budget for fiscal year 2021 (received January 3, 2022).

CTR,-- FY21 revenue report.

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Conservation and Recreation Special Commission (pursuant to Section 100 of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019, as amended by Section 137 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its report to recommend ways to improve the management, operations and asset condition of the natural, cultural and recreational resources held by the department (received December 30, 2021);

DCR,-- special commission report. SD2905

Report of the Department of Transportation Rail and Transit Division (pursuant to Section 93 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its fiscal year 2021 report on the Regional Transit Authority performance management program (received December 30, 2021); and

MassDOT RTD,-- RTA report. SD2906

Report of MassDevelopment (pursuant to Section 42(e) of Chapter 23G of the General Laws) submitting its 15th annual report on activities of the Cultural Facilities Fund (received December 31, 2021).

MassDev,-- CFF report. SD2907

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on petition, a Bill establishing a Greylock Glen commission (Senate, No. 559);

Greylock Glen commission.

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

Committees Discharged.

Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied

Food waste,-- labeling.

by bill, Senate, No. 567) of Edward J. Kennedy, Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Michael J. Barrett, Michelle L. Ciccolo and other members of the General Court for legislation to decrease food waste by standardizing the date labeling of food,-- **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health.**

Mr. Cronin, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1333) of James B. Eldridge, Jason M. Lewis and Michael O. Moore for legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by permitting local option all-electric buildings and homes ordinances,-- **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.**

Severally, under Senate Rule 36, the reports were considered forthwith and accepted.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

All-electric buildings and homes.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4311) of Smitty Pignatelli and Adam G. Hinds (by vote of the town) relative to recall elections in the town of Monterey;

Monterey,-- recall elections.

To the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4312) of Sarah K. Peake (with the approval of the county commissioners) that Christopher Arrigo be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board;

Christopher Arrigo,-- creditable service.

To the committee on Public Service.

Bills

Authorizing the investment of town of Lunenburg library trust funds (House, No. 3727,-- petition) [Local approval received];

Lunenburg,-- library trust funds.

Regarding licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Tisbury (House, No. 4240,-- House, No. 3831) [Local approval received on House, No. 3831]; and

Tisbury,-- liquor license.

Relative to the membership of the Historic District Commission of the town of Sudbury (House, No. 4313,-- on House, No. 4216) [Local approval received on House, No. 4216];

Sudbury,-- Historic District Commission.

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

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4318) of Russell E. Holmes for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for John Coleman, an employee of the Department of Correction;

John Coleman,-- sick leave.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4317) of Russell E. Holmes and Sonia Chang-Diaz that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land located in the city of Boston to Worcester City Campus Corporation for the University of Massachusetts Medical School's MassBiologics;

Boston,-- land.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Easton to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4116, amended) (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 (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory James Brochu.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O’Connor,--

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 James Brochu.

The Senator from Worcester, Mr. Moore moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it does so in memory of James A. “Jim” Brochu, 61, a lifelong Upton resident, who passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, December 18, 2021. He is the beloved husband of Lisa M. (Stone) Brochu.

Born in Worcester, he was a son of the late Camil and Theresa (Fontaine) Brochu. He was raised and educated in Upton, MA.

Jim has been employed as the Director of Facilities for Blackstone Valley Tech High School for fifteen years. His knowledge and love for facilities management led him to a career where he started at Hahnemann Hospital, Harvard Business School and ended with his employment at Valley Tech. BVT was special to him as a 1978 graduate in the Electrical program and his career as the Director of Facilities. He loved his BVT family and all the kids he had seen come through the years.

Jim was a devoted public servant. He proudly served on the Upton Board of Selectmen for six years, and most recently chaired the Community Center Building Committee and the Trust Fund Commission. In addition, he previously served on the Upton Fire and EMS department as a firefighter/EMT and was a past president and member of the EMS Association, as well as many other Upton organizations. Jim will be sorely missed by family, friends and the community of Upton he so capably served.

Those of us who want to honor Marty in the way she would have wanted to be honored must carry the work she loved forward, in her name.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of James Brochu, at a quarter past eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Moore, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Wednesday next at eleven o’clock A.M.