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Thursday, January 27, 2022.

Met at a quarter 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 Norfolk District Attorney's Office (pursuant to Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of wiretap interceptions for the 2021 calendar year (received January 20, 2022);

Norfolk DA,-- wiretaps. SD2972

Report of the Cape and Islands District Attorney's Office (pursuant to Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of wiretap interceptions for the 2021 calendar year (received January 20, 2022); and

Cape & Islands DA,-- wiretaps. SD2973

Report of the District Attorney for Hampden County (pursuant to Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of wiretap interceptions for the calendar year 2021 (received January 20, 2022).

Hampden DA,-- wiretaps. SD2974

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill relative to Parkinson's disease disability and death in firefighters (Senate, No. 1725);

Parkinson's disease,-- firefighters.

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 modernizing the Massachusetts wiretap law (House, No. 4347),-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Wiretaps,-- modernization.

The annual report of the Public Employee Retirement Commission (under sections 21, 102 and 103 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) relative to the percentum change in the average cost-of-living as shown by the United States consumer price index for the year 2022 compared with such index for the year 2021 (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4346),-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

PERAC,-- cost of living.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4352) of Jack Patrick Lewis and Maria Duaine Robinson (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Framingham be authorized to establish the Framingham economic development corporation;

Framingham,-- economic development corp.

To the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4353) of Mark J. Cusack, Walter F. Timilty and John F. Keenan (with the approval of the mayor and town council) that the city known as the town of Braintree be authorized to designate polling places for each voting precinct in said city;

Braintree,-- polling places.

To the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4354) of Susannah M. Whipps (by vote of the town) that the town of Athol be authorized to regulate rents for the use or occupancy of manufactured housing parks in said town;

Athol,-- rent regulations.

To the committee on Housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4355) of James K. Hawkins, Adam J. Scanlon and Paul R. Feeney (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to providing for the laying out and acceptance of certain ways by the city of Attleboro;

Attleboro,-- ways.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4356) of Mindy Domb (by vote of the town) that the town of Amherst be authorized to continue the employment of Walter (Tim) Nelson as fire chief of said town notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Amherst,-- fire chief.

To the committee on Public Service.

Bills

Establishing recall elections in the town of Otis (House, No. 826, amended,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Otis,-- recall elections.

Authorizing Nantucket land transfers (House, No. 4360,-- on House, No. 4104) [Local approval received on House, No. 4104];

Nantucket,-- land transfers.

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

Order Adopted.

Ms. Lovely offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That members of the General Court may co-sponsor legislation filed by former Senator Joseph A. Boncore of the First Suffolk and Middlesex district without approval from the original sponsor. All requests for co-sponsorship should be emailed to the Senate Clerk at senate.clerk@masenate.gov.

Co-sponsorships.
SD2975

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Wayne Cash on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

Wayne Cash.

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 House Bill changing the board of selectmen of the town of Plainfield to a select board (House, No. 3859) (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.**

Plainfield,-- select board.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Eastham to make utility improvements on private roads in the town (House, No. 3986) (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.**

Eastham,-- private roads.

The House Bill changing the board of selectmen of the town of Sharon to a select

Sharon,-- select

board (House, No. 3987),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

board.

The House Bill changing the board of selectmen of the town of West Tisbury to the select board. (House, No. 4222) (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.**

West Tisbury,--
select board.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4366) of Paul J. Donato, Steven Ultrino and Kate Lipper-Garabedian that the Commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey certain property in the city of Malden to said city,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.**

Malden,-- land
conveyance.

Report 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 James B. Eldridge and Danillo A. Sena for legislation to promote drinking water quality for all;

Drinking water,--
quality.
SD2903

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of Mr. Tarr, the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection in recognition of Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

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