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Thursday, March 3, 2022.

Met at eleven 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 the Department of Public Health relative to its plans of correction for the Essex County Women in Transition inspection on February 11, 2022 and Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction inspection on February 9, 2022 (received February 28, 2022);

DPH,-- plans of correction. SD3014

Communication from the Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention Commission (pursuant to Section 219(e) of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting its 2021 annual report of activities to date (received March 1, 2022);

CBH commission,-- annual report. SD3021

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 35T of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the March 2022 certification of MBTA base sales tax revenues and dedicated sales tax revenues for fiscal year 2023 (received March 3, 2022); and

CTR,-- MBTA sales tax. SD3026

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader, announcing the appointment of Senator Ryan C. Fattman (pursuant to Section 132 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) to serve as his designee to the special commission on to study the promotion and celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the American Revolution (received March 3, 2022).

American Revolution Commission,-- appt.

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 Hampden County Jail and House of Correction (received March 1, 2022);

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD3015

Report of the Multi-Agency Illegal Tobacco Task Force (pursuant to Section 40(d) of Chapter 64C of the General Laws) submitting its annual report on the results of its findings, activities and recommendations (received March 1, 2022);

ITTF,-- annual report. SD3016

Report of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance (pursuant to item 7004-0104 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its Home and Healthy for Good Progress Report (received March 1, 2022);

MHSA,-- HHG report. SD3017

Report of MassDevelopment (pursuant to Section 45C(b) of Chapter 75 of the General Laws) submitting its fourth annual report of the Innovation Voucher Program Fund (received March 1, 2022);

MassDev,-- IVPF report. SD3020

Report of the Office of the Inspector General (pursuant to Section 86 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its report entitled "MassHealth and Health Safety Net: 2021 Annual Report" (received March 1, 2022);

OIG,-- health safety net report. SD3022

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (pursuant to Section 23(b) of Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its report on all estimates for the number of individuals and cost of overpayments that occurred in calendar years 2020 and 2021 as a result of benefits dispersed under Chapter 151A and federal programs (received March 1, 2022); and

DUA,--
overpayments report.
SD3023

Report of the Department of Correction (pursuant to Sections 1(p) and 6 of Chapter 124 of the General Laws) submitting its 2020 annual report (received March 2, 2022).

DOC,-- 2020 annual
report. SD3024

Report of the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (under the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its forty-fifth annual report (Senate, No. 2736) (received March 1, 2022),-- **was referred to the committee on Revenue.**

MCRC,-- 45th annual
report.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr, Ryan C. Fattman, Patrick M. O'Connor, Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and other members of the General Court for legislation to combat unjust acts of war by Russia;

Russia,-- divestment.
SD3025

By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation relative to pension divestment from Russia; and

Russia,-- pension
divestment. SD3013

By the same Senator, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Walter F. Timilty, Paul R. Feeney and William C. Galvin for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Shana Hicks, an employee of the Department of Public Health;

Shana Hicks,-- sick
leave.
SD3019

Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on Senate, Nos. 230, 509, 521, 522, 528, 531, 534, 539, 547, 550, 553, 554, 556, 566, 568, 578, 581, 583, 585, 586, 588, 592, 593, 594, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 606, 609, 614, 615, 616, 618, 621, 623, 624, 625, 2490 and 2551, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to environment, natural resources and agriculture matters (Senate, No. 2734);

Environment, Natural
Resources and
Agriculture
committee,-- study.

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

By Mr. Lesser, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on petition, a Bill relative to the Rural Policy Advisory Commission (Senate, No. 265);

Rural Policy
Advisory
Commission.

By Mr. Lewis, for the committee on Education, on Senate, Nos. 296, 306, 337, 345, 354 and 395 and House, Nos. 541, 557, 548, 635, 654, 684, 685 and 687, a Bill establishing a special commission to study the effectiveness of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (Senate, No. 2727); and

School Building
Authority,--
commission.

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on Senate, No. 1227 and House, No. 2012, a Bill creating a special legislative commission to study barriers to job retention for low-income workers (Senate, No. 2724);

Job retention,--
commission.

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

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

By Ms. Comerford, for the committee on Public Health, on petition, a Bill to improve infection control within long-term care facilities (Senate, No.1476);

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

Long-term care facility,-- infection.

By Mr. Collins, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on petition, a Bill to address inequality, promote opportunity and end poverty (Senate, No. 155);

Address inequality,-- end poverty.

By Mr. Lesser, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on petition, a Bill relative to diverse marketing programs (Senate, No. 255);

Marketing programs,-- fair participation.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill enabling the Massachusetts Center for Employee Ownership (Senate, No. 261);

Center for Employee Ownership.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to provide direct investment for job creation and business expansion in rural communities (Senate, No. 266);

Rural Development Initiative.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing an independent workers portability of benefits innovation fund (Senate, No. 267);

Portable benefits,-- independent workers.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to provide startup capital for minority entrepreneurs (Senate, No. 268);

Entrepreneurs,-- startup capital.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to promote inclusive entrepreneurship and economic justice (Senate, No. 270);

Small business,-- entrepreneurship.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to promoting local economic development (Senate, No. 273);

Local economic development.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill creating a creative economy master plan (Senate, No. 280);

Creative economy,-- master plan.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 259), a Resolve establishing a study of the gaming market in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2728);

Gaming market,-- study.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 260), a Bill relative to investment in Massachusetts-based jobs (Senate, No. 2735);

Jobs,-- investment.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on Senate, Nos. 494 and 572 and House, Nos. 989 and 998, a Bill to combat disposable plastic straw waste (Senate, No. 494) [Senator Fattman dissenting];

Plastic straws,-- prohibit.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 501 and House, No. 980, a Bill promoting sustainable development and infrastructure, economic security, and fiscal responsibility with respect to climate risks (Senate, No. 501) [Senator Fattman dissenting];

Climate risks.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 590), a Bill encouraging the use of renewable energy on agricultural land (Senate, No. 2738);

Farm land,-- renewable energy.

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on Senate, No. 1159 and House, No. 2043, a Bill relative to a state minimum wage for municipal employees (Senate, No. 1159);

Municipal employees,-- minimum wage.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1165 and House, No. 1957, a Bill to provide pathways for Certified Nursing Assistants (Senate, No. 1165);

CNAs,-- certification program.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1182 and House, No. 1985, a Bill protecting an employee's right to rebuttal of personnel records (Senate, No. 1182);

Employee protections,-- personnel records.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to consolidating multiple definitions of employee (Senate, No. 1210);

Employee,-- definitions.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to employee leave of absence to comply with a family court order (Senate, No. 1256);

Leaves of absence.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1247), a Bill regarding protections extended to lay teachers in parochial schools (Senate, No. 2719);

Parochial schools,--
lay teachers.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1218 and House, No. 2036, a Bill expanding access to commuter transit benefits offered by employers (Senate, No. 2720);

Employers,-- transit
benefits.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1196 and 1208 and House, Nos. 1950 and 2020, a Bill relative to pay equity (Senate, No. 2721);

Wage transparency,--
employees.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1156 and 1166 and House, No. 1976, a Bill to provide bereavement leave to employees in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 2722);

Employees,--
bereavement leave.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1200), a Bill addressing workplace bullying, mobbing, and harassment, without regard to protected class status while promoting healthy workplaces (Senate, No. 2723);

Workplace
harassment.

By Mr. Keenan, for the committee on Transportation, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2386), a Bill relative to the expansion of the commuter rail low-income fare program (Senate, No. 2726);

MBTA,-- fare
program.

By Mr. Barrett, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on petition, a Bill expanding equitable access for solar energy net metering (Senate, No. 2145);

Solar energy,--
equitable access.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to improve outdoor lighting, conserve energy, and increase dark-sky visibility (Senate, No. 2147);

Energy efficient,--
outdoor lighting.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to municipal light plant participation in green communities (Senate, No. 2201);

Light plants,-- green
communities.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to enable net metering for on-site solar energy (Senate, No. 2203); and

Solar energy,-- net
metering.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to energy storage procurement for 2030 and 2035 (Senate, No. 2220);

Energy storage,--
procurement.

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

By Mr. Collins, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on petition, a Bill limiting time period parking lots can remain open (Senate, No. 160); and

Parking lots,--
operations.

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Election Laws, on petition, a Bill providing for the annual election of members of the Spencer East Brookfield Regional School Committee (Senate, No. 472);

Spencer East
Brookfield Regional
School Committee.

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

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on petition, a Bill prohibiting the use of mobile gear in certain waters off the coast of the town of Nantucket (Senate, No. 512) [Local approval received];

Nantucket waters,--
mobile gear.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill prohibiting license revocation for student loan default (House, No. 4339,-- on Senate, No. 2053 and House, No. 3208),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Student loan default.

A Bill amending the charter of the city of Holyoke (House, No. 4501,-- on House, Nos. 4299 and 4230) [Local approval received on House, Nos. 4299 and 4230],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Holyoke,-- charter.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Rausch and Ms. Spilka) “congratulating Erica ‘Ricky’ Esther Weisz Ball on the occasion of her eighty-fifth birthday.”

Erica “Ricky” Esther Weisz Ball.

Recess.

There being no objection, at twelve minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at eight minutes before two o’clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

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 Susan L. Moran, Julian Cyr, Patrick M. O’Connor and Timothy R. Whelan for legislation relative to preventing the discharge of radioactive materials.

Radioactive materials,-- discharge. SD2971

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, 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.

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 O. Moore for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Michael King, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office.

Michael King,-- sick leave. SD3008

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Matters Taken Out of the Notice Section of the Calendar.

There being no objection, the following items were taken out of the Notice Section of the Calendar and considered as follows:

The Senate Bill exempting Marcel Cuffy and John R. Baker from the maximum age requirements for firefighters in the town of North Andover (Senate, No. 2498),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

North Andover,-- firefighters.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill amending the residency requirement for the executive assistant in the town of Hudson (House, No. 3919) (its title having been changed by the committee on

Hudson,-- executive assistant.

Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Patrick Laughlin, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4341,-- on petition),-- was read.

Patrick Laughlin,-- sick leave.

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

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Wareham to grant an additional license for the sale of malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2587),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence *with an amendment* striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4320.

Wareham,-- liquor license.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Edwards, and the House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4522) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Dedham to grant four additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages, four wine and malt licenses, all to be drunk on the premises, and one wine and malt package store license;

Dedham,-- liquor licenses.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 7B, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4519) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., and Anne M. Gobi (by vote of the town) relative to the disposition of certain land in the town of West Brookfield;

West Brookfield,-- land.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4523) of Adrian C. Madaro for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Maria A. Conti, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; and

Maria A. Conti,-- sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4521) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Maryann Donie, an employee of the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security;

Maryann Donie,-- sick leave.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4520) of James M. Kelcourse and Diana DiZoglio that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land to the town of Salisbury Affordable Housing Trust Fund for affordable housing purposes;

Salisbury,-- land conveyance.

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

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were considered, as follows:

Bills

Creating a Parks and Recreation Commission in the town of Templeton (Senate, No. 2574);

Second reading bills.

Establishing a special fund for recaptured funds from demolition liens or related grants in the town of Templeton (Senate, No. 2575);

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Authorizing the town of Tewksbury to change the name of its Board of Selectmen to Select Board (Senate, No. 2593, changed);

Establishing recall elections in the town of Otis (House, No. 826, amended);

Relative to the abolishment of the board of police in the city of Fall River (House, No. 2645);

Relative to the abolishment of the board of fire commissioners in the city of Fall River (House, No. 2646);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Charles H. Bletzer, an employee of the Massachusetts Trial Court (House, No. 4323, amended); and

Authorizing Nantucket land transfers (House, No. 4360);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate Bill to increase access to disposable menstrual products in prisons, homeless shelters, and public schools (Senate, No. 1445),-- was read a second time.

After remarks, and pending the question on adoption of the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, substituting a new draft entitled "An Act to increase access to disposable menstrual products" (Senate, No. 2730), and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Rodrigues moved that the proposed new draft be amended in section 2, by striking out, in line 21, the words "Subject to appropriation, every" and inserting in place there of the following words:- "Every"; and

In said section 2, in proposed section 3A of chapter 71, by out striking subsection (c).

The amendment was adopted.

The Ways and Means amendment, as amended, was then adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2730, amended) was then ordered to a third reading and read a third time.

The question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at eleven minutes past two o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Jehlen, as follows to wit (yeas 40 - nays 0) **[Yeas and Nays No. 130]:**

Menstrual products,--
access.

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.
Brady, Michael D.
Brownsberger, William N.
Chandler, Harriette L.
Chang-Diaz, Sonia
Collins, Nick
Comerford, Joanne M.
Creem, Cynthia Stone
Crighton, Brendan P.
Cronin, John J.
Cyr, Julian
DiDomenico, Sal N.
DiZoglio, Diana
Edwards, Lydia
Eldridge, James B.
Fattman, Ryan C.
Feeney, Paul R.
Finegold, Barry R.
Friedman, Cindy F.
Gobi, Anne M.

Gomez, Adam
Hinds, Adam G.
Jehlen, Patricia D.
Keenan, John F.
Kennedy, Edward J.
Lesser, Eric P.
Lewis, Jason M.
Lovely, Joan B.
Montigny, Mark C.
Moore, Michael O.
Moran, Susan L.
O'Connor, Patrick M.
Pacheco, Marc R.
Rausch, Rebecca L.
Rodrigues, Michael J.
Rush, Michael F.
Spilka, Karen E.
Tarr, Bruce E.
Timilty, Walter F.
Velis, John C. - 40.

NAYS - 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at sixteen minutes past two o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill relative to expanding equitable access to maternal postpartum care (Senate, No. 2583),-- was read a second time.

Postpartum care,--
access.

After remarks, and pending the question on adoption of the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2731), and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Rodrigues moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting after the word "eligible", in line 5, the following words:- "for MassHealth".

The amendment was adopted.

The Ways and Means amendment, as amended, was then adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2731, amended) was then ordered to a third reading and read a third time.

The question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at twenty-four minutes past two o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Lovely, as follows to wit (yeas 40 - nays 0) **[Yeas and Nays No. 131]:**

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.	Gomez, Adam
Brady, Michael D.	Hinds, Adam G.
Brownsberger, William N.	Jehlen, Patricia D.
Chandler, Harriette L.	Keenan, John F.
Chang-Diaz, Sonia	Kennedy, Edward J.
Collins, Nick	Lesser, Eric P.
Comerford, Joanne M.	Lewis, Jason M.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Lovely, Joan B.
Crighton, Brendan P.	Montigny, Mark C.
Cronin, John J.	Moore, Michael O.
Cyr, Julian	Moran, Susan L.
DiDomenico, Sal N.	O'Connor, Patrick M.
DiZoglio, Diana	Pacheco, Marc R.
Edwards, Lydia	Rausch, Rebecca L.
Eldridge, James B.	Rodrigues, Michael J.
Fattman, Ryan C.	Rush, Michael F.
Feeney, Paul R.	Spilka, Karen E.
Finegold, Barry R.	Tarr, Bruce E.
Friedman, Cindy F.	Timilty, Walter F.
Gobi, Anne M.	Velis, John C. - 40.

NAYS - 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at twenty-nine minutes past two o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill—Land Taking for Conservation Etc.

Sharon,--
land conveyance.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the conveyance of a conservation restriction on the land known as Inter Lochen park in the town of Sharon (see House, No. 3867) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage,-- was put upon its final passage; and, this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the question on passing it to be enacted was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at a half past two o'clock P.M., as follows, to wit (yeas 39 - nays 0) [**Yeas and Nays No. 132**]:

YEAS.

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| Barrett, Michael J. | Gomez, Adam |
| Brady, Michael D. | Hinds, Adam G. |
| Brownsberger, William N. | Jehlen, Patricia D. |
| Chandler, Harriette L. | Keenan, John F. |
| Chang-Diaz, Sonia | Kennedy, Edward J. |
| Collins, Nick | Lesser, Eric P. |
| Comerford, Joanne M. | Lewis, Jason M. |
| Creem, Cynthia Stone | Lovely, Joan B. |
| Crighton, Brendan P. | Montigny, Mark C. |
| Cronin, John J. | Moore, Michael O. |
| Cyr, Julian | Moran, Susan L. |
| DiDomenico, Sal N. | O'Connor, Patrick M. |
| DiZoglio, Diana | Pacheco, Marc R. |
| Edwards, Lydia | Rausch, Rebecca L. |
| Eldridge, James B. | Rodrigues, Michael J. |
| Fattman, Ryan C. | Rush, Michael F. |
| Feeney, Paul R. | Tarr, Bruce E. |
| Finegold, Barry R. | Timilty, Walter F. |
| Friedman, Cindy F. | Velis, John C. – 39 . |
| Gobi, Anne M. | |

NAYS – 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at eighteen minutes before three o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having agreed to pass the same, and it was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Reports of Committees.

Veterans and Federal
Affairs,-- extension
order.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Order granting the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs be granted until March 4, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2395, 2396, 2417, 2424, 2425, 2428, 2431 and 2434 relative to veterans and federal affairs (Senate, No. 2639),-- ought to be adopted.

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

Pending the question on adoption of the order, Mr. Velis presented an amendment in line 2 by striking out the words "March 4, 2022" and inserting in place thereof the

following words:- “April 8, 2022”.

**After remarks, the amendment was adopted.
The order (Senate, No. 2639, amended) was then adopted.
Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Remarks of Senate President Karen E. Spilka.

Today, I’d like to take a moment to recognize the people of Ukraine, and the ongoing violence they are facing due to the aggression of Vladimir Putin.

Ukraine.

My heart goes out to the men, women and children who are being presented with agonizing choices about leaving their homes, separating their families and staying to fight – and to those who have sadly lost family, friends and loved ones.

We in the Senate recognize that Ukraine is a free and sovereign nation, and we applaud the international community for coming together to condemn the actions of Putin.

Here in Massachusetts, I will continue to work with the Administration and the House to explore ways to help the people of Ukraine and the many Ukrainian-Americans who call the Commonwealth home.

As we keep them in our hearts, I ask that we hold a moment of silence to honor the people of Ukraine and their courageous fight for freedom.

On motion of Mr. Rodrigues, the above remarks were ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Ordered printed.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the President, the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection in honor of the people of Ukraine.

Moment of silence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Orders.

Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair, the following House Orders (severally approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) were considered as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture be granted until Thursday, March 31, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 495, 496, 502, 503, 513, 517, 525, 557, 558, 561, 562, 569, 570, 579, 591, 603, 610 and 2623, and House documents numbered 846, 856, 860, 869, 870, 871, 876, 878, 879, 889, 902, 907, 912, 938, 945, 948, 967, 968, 982, 983, 988, 992, 1002, 1007, 3720, 3837 and 4144.

Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture,-- extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4421) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture be granted until Thursday, May 12, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 511, 533, 574 and 575, and House documents numbered 465, 862, 908, 929 and 981.

Id.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Rausch, and the order (House, No. 4422) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight be granted until Friday, April 15, 2022

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within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1705, 2011, 2027, 2031, 2033, 2037, 2040, 2055, 2056, 2060, 2065, 2073, 2079, 2082, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2108, 2112 and 2546, and House documents numbered 5, 6, 7, 3110, 3111, 3115, 3123, 3125, 3129, 3152, 3167, 3182, 3183, 3187, 3191, 3194, 3195, 3196, 3199, 3213, 3221, 3222, 3224, 3227, 3228, 3229, 3233, 3235, 3236, 3244, 3826, 4110, 4180, 4224 and 4281.

extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. DiZoglio, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4409) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Way and Means, that the House Bill relative to the governance, structure and care of veterans at the Commonwealth's veterans' homes (House, No. 4441),-- ought to pass, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2739.

Veterans' homes.

Order Adopted.

Mr. Rodrigues offered the following order, to wit:

Procedural order.

Ordered, that notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the House Bill relative to the governance, structure and care of veterans at the Commonwealth's veterans' homes (House, No. 4441) (the committee on Ways and Means having recommended that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2739) shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Thursday, March 10, 2022.

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 2:00 P.M., on Monday, March 7, 2022. All such amendments shall be second reading-amendments to the Senate Ways and Means new text (Senate, No. 2739), but further amendments in the third degree to such amendments shall be in order. The Clerk shall further specify the procedure and format for filing all amendments, consistent with this order.

After the bill as amended is ordered to a third reading, it shall immediately be read a third time and the question shall then immediately be on passing it to be engrossed, and no amendments shall be in order at the third reading of the bill unless recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

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

The bill will be placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, March 10, 2022, for a second reading with the amendment pending.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Jehlen,--

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 two minutes past three o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.