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Met at seven 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 Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation (pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 40H of the General Laws) submitting its 2021 annual report (received April 28, 2022);

CEDAC,-- annual report. SD3134

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 Suffolk County Jail (received April 29, 2022); and

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD3137

Report of the Commission on Methamphetamine Use (pursuant to Section 131(c) of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021, as amended by Section 44 of Chapter 42 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its final report of findings and recommendations (received April 29, 2022).

Methamphetamine commission,-- report. SD3138

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Anne M. Gobi, Joanne M. Comerford, Jonathan D. Zlotnik and Susannah M. Whipps for legislation to authorize the transfer of land in Templeton, Phillipston and Royalston; and

Templeton,-- land. SD3135

By Ms. Moran, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Susan L. Moran for legislation relative to Barnstable County;

Barnstable County. SD3130

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

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Financial Services, on petition, a Bill relative to promoting healthcare access and affordability for patients (Senate, No. 627);

Patients,-- co-pay assistance.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to pharmacy benefit managers (Senate, No. 639);

Pharmacy benefit managers.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to LGBTQ family building (Senate, No. 652);

LGBTQ,-- pregnancy related coverage.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to insurance coverage for mammograms and breast cancer screening (Senate, No. 697);

Mammograms,-- insurance coverage.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill requiring mental health parity for disability policies (Senate, No. 703);

Disability policies,-- mental health.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to insurance coverage of mobile integrated health (Senate, No. 732); and

MIH program.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 726), a Bill relative to breast cancer equity and early detection (Senate, No.

Breast cancer,-- early detection.

2856);

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

By Mr. Lewis, for the committee on Education, on petition, a Bill to support healthy development among preschoolers (Senate, No. 316);

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Financial Services, on petition, a Bill relative to modernizing private flood insurance (Senate, No. 720); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 663), a Bill relative to fairness in debt collection (Senate, No. 2858);

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

By Ms. Moran, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2511), a Bill authorizing the town of Andover to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2854) [Local approval received on Senate, No. 2511]; and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2507), a Bill authorizing the town of Wareham to grant 5 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2855) [Local approval received on Senate, No. 2507];

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

Orders.

Mr. Velis presented an Order relative to granting the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs until June 3, 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. 2853);

Mr. Feeney presented an Order relative to granting the committee on Financial Services until May 31, 2022 within which time to make its final report on a current Senate document numbered 678 relative to financial services (Senate, No. 2857); and

Mr. Feeney presented an Order relative to granting the committee on Financial Services until May 31, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 656, 665 and 682 relative to financial services (Senate, No. 2859);

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to investing in future opportunities for resiliency, workforce, and revitalized downtowns (House, No. 4720),-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.**

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4704) of James Arciero (by vote of the town) that the town of Westford be authorized to further regulate the issuance of certain licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town;

To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4729) of Smitty Pignatelli and Adam G.

Preschoolers,-- healthy development.

Private flood insurance.

Debt collection,-- fairness.

Andover,-- liquor licenses.

Wareham,-- liquor licenses.

Veterans and Federal Affairs,-- extension.

Financial services,-- extension.

Id.

FORWARD Act.

Westford,-- liquor licenses.

Lee,-- board of selectmen.

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Hinds (by vote of the town) that the town of Lee be authorized to change the name of the board of selectmen to select board;

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Bills

Relative to kayak safety (House, No. 2528, amended,-- on petition); and
Designating historic routes (House, No. 3496,-- on House, No. 3455);

Kayak safety.
Historic routes.

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

Bills

Amending the charter of the town of North Andover town meeting warrant posting (House, No. 3747,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

North Andover,--
charter.

Relative to the date for the annual town election in the town of Montague (House, No. 4231,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Montague,-- town
election.

Relative to voting precinct 3 of ward 4 in the city of Peabody (House, No. 4528,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Peabody,-- voting
precincts.

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

A report of the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4722) of Steven S. Howitt and others relative to the theft of vehicle catalytic converters, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Transportation,-- **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

Vehicle catalytic
converters,-- theft.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

The following matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The Senate Bill establishing a parks and recreation commission in the town of Templeton (Senate, No. 2574) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **read third and passed to be engrossed.**

Templeton,-- parks
and recreation
commission.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Ware to select board (House, No. 2205) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **read third and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Ware,-- select board.

The House Bill relative to the design, development, construction and operation of a senior low-income and affordable housing project located at 144 Greenmont Avenue in the town of Dracut (House, No. 3722),-- was read a third time.

Dracut,-- affordable
housing.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Finegold presented an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2860.

The amendment was adopted.

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

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4742) of Mathew J. Muratore, Susan L. Moran and others relative to hybrid participation in representative town meetings;

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4740) of Jamie Zahlaway Belsito and Joan B. Lovely for legislation to establish maternal mental and behavioral health care workforce grants; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4741) of Jamie Zahlaway Belsito, Joan B. Lovely and others for legislation to establish a program to address maternal mental health conditions and substance use disorders of certain pregnant and postpartum individuals;

Severally, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4743) of Mathew J. Muratore, Susan L. Moran and others for legislation to designate a certain portion of state highway Route 3 in the town of Plymouth as the Plimoth Patuxet highway;

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

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. in a full formal session with a calendar.

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

Town meetings,-- hybrid.

Maternal mental health,-- grants.

Maternal mental health,-- substance use.

Plymouth,-- Plimoth Patuxet highway.

Time of meeting.