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Met at five 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 Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to item 1599-3384 of Section 2 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its report on payments made from the settlements and judgments reserve through the third quarter of fiscal year 2022 (received May 5, 2022); and

CTR,-- settlements and judgments report. SD3146

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plans of correction for the MCI Norfolk inspection on November 9, 10, 18 and 19, 2021, NCCI Gardner inspection on March 15, 16 and 17, 2022, MCI Cedar Junction inspection on February 23, 24 and 28, 2022 and Western Massachusetts Recovery and Wellness Center inspection on April 22, 2022 (received May 5, 2022).

DPH,-- plans of correction. SD3150

Reports.

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

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 4(b) of Chapter 258F of the General Laws) submitting its 2021 report on certification for victims of violent crime and human trafficking (received May 6, 2022);

EOPSS,-- visa report. SD3148

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to item 8000-0313 of Section 2 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its fiscal year 2022 report on the automated external defibrillators equipment program grant (received May 5, 2022);

EOPSS,-- AED grant report. SD3149

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 Bridgewater Complex Food Service (received May 5, 2022);

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD3151

Report of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (pursuant to Section 20D of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting its amended report relative to child abuse and neglect cases that have been referred for criminal prosecution during fiscal year 2021 (received May 6, 2022); and

MDAA,-- amended child abuse report. SD3152

Report of the Health Information Technology Council (pursuant to Section 15 of Chapter 118I of the General Laws) submitting its 2021 annual report (received May 9, 2022).

HIT Council,-- annual report. SD3153

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2870) of Marc R. Pacheco, Carol A. Doherty, Patricia A. Haddad and Norman J. Orrall (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the maximum age requirement for police

Taunton,-- police officers.

officers for the city of Taunton [Local approval received];
Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Public Service.
Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Ms. DiZoglio (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Melissa Donais for legislation relative to licensed providers; and

Licensed providers.
SD3145

By Mr. Tarr (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Annette Dion for legislation relative to tree canopy;

Parking,-- shade.
SD3147

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

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Moran, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 247), a Bill to facilitate outdoor dining (Senate, No. 2871);

Outdoor dining.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4755) of David K. Muradian, Jr., and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) that the town of Upton be authorized to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption in said town;

Upton,-- senior
property tax
exemption.

To the committee on Revenue.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4730) of Ruth B. Balser and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the electrification of new and substantially remodeled or rehabilitated buildings in the city of Newton;

Newton,-- building
electrification.

To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

A Bill to expand membership opportunities in local cultural councils (House, No. 3378,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

Cultural councils,--
membership.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Comerford) “congratulating Amherst College on the two hundredth anniversary of its establishment.”

Amherst College.

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 further regulating public safety in the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 1596) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Somerville,-- public
safety.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for John Carlson, an employee of the department of correction (Senate, No. 2686) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be**

John Carlson,-- sick
leave.

engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill authorizing the city of Taunton to contract for the renewal of services relative to the operation and maintenance of its wastewater treatment plant, sewers and pump stations, for a term not to exceed five years (Senate, No. 2705),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Taunton,--
wastewater.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Maria A. Conti, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4523),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Maria A. Conti,--
sick leave.

The House Bill relative to the date for the annual town election in the town of Montague (House, No. 4231),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- “An Act changing the date of the annual town election in the town of Montague”.**

Montague,-- annual
elections.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4772) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford relative to merging the Shelburne Housing Authority with and into the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority and restructuring the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority members;

Franklin County
Regional Housing
and Redevelopment
Authority.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4773) of Lori A. Ehrlich and Brendan P. Crighton that the town of Swampscott be authorized to amend the charter of said town to change the board of selectmen to a select board;

Swampscott,-- town
charter.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 7B, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4774) of Steven G. Xiarhos (with the approval of the county commissioners) that Thomas Harmon be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board;

Thomas Harmon,--
creditable service.

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

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Maynard to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be consumed off the premises (see House, No. 387) (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.

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., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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