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Wednesday, June 29, 2022.

Met at five minutes past one o'clock P.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.

Petition.

Mr. Tarr presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2962) of Bruce E. Tarr and Jamie Zahlaway Belsito (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the town charter of Ipswich [Local approval received];

Ipswich,-- charter.

Referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Transportation, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2316), an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to the registration and insurance of motorized scooters in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2964);

Transportation committee,-- study.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A report of the committee on Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management submitting its findings and recommendations (House, No. 4945),-- reported recommending that the same be placed on file,-- came from the House accepted by that branch..

Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management,-report.

Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted in concurrence.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4923) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Montague be authorized to grant one additional liquor license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town;

Montague,-- liquor license.

To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4924) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Montague be authorized to exempt all positions in the police department from the civil service law;

Montague,-- police department.

To the committee on Public Service.

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Bills

Relative to the Boston Landmarks Commission (House, No. 4565,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Boston Landmarks Commission.

Relative to Massachusetts's transportation resources and climate (House, No. 4916, - on House, No. 4561); and

Transportation bond.

Making appropriations for fiscal year 2022 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4932,-- on House, No. 4881, in part);

Supplemental appropriations.

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

Bills

To further regulate the attendance by police officers at police association executive board meetings (House, No. 2163,-- on petition); and

Police association board meetings.

Relative to certain voting precincts in the town of Middleton (printed in, House, No. 4823,-- on petition);

Middleton,-- voting precincts.

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

Bills

Providing for the laying out and acceptance of certain ways by the city of Attleboro (House, No. 4355,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Attleboro,-- ways.

Authorizing the town of Middlefield to continue the employment of Fire Chief Ronald Radwich (House, No. 4717,-- on House, No. 4535) [Local approval received on House, No. 4535];

Middlefield,-- fire chief.

Relative to town meeting in the town of Burlington (House, No. 4764,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Burlington,-- town meeting.

Relative to incumbent town meeting members in the town of Burlington (House, No. 4765,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Burlington,-- town meeting members.

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

Recess.

There being no objection, at six minutes past one o'clock P.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at five minutes past two o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Bills laid before the Governor.

Authorizing special police officers in the town of Natick to serve until the age of 70 (see House, No. 3762); and

Authorizing the city of Melrose to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (see House, No. 3766).

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Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Keenan, for the committee on Housing, on petition, a Bill relative to bidding requirements for a certain affordable housing project in the city of Brockton (Senate, No. 2864);

Brockton,-- affordable housing.

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

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2960), a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michael D'Ambra, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office (Senate, No. 2965);

Michael D'Ambra,--sick leave.

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

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No, 2961), a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Rafael Valentin, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (Senate, No. 2966);

Rafael Valentin,--sick leave.

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

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 Anne M. Gobi and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Michael Zaniewski, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Michael Zaniewski,-sick leave. SD3206

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Ms. Lovely, 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.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4951) of William C. Galvin relative to the financing of motor vehicle purchases;

Motor vehicle purchases.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4952) of John J. Costa, Jr., relative to the preparation of street lists by registrars;

Street lists.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4953) of William C. Galvin for legislation to limit rent increases and create a rental arbitrator within the office of the Attorney General;

Rent increases,--limitations.

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

Order.

The following House Order (approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) was considered forthwith as follows:

Ordered, that notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery be granted until Thursday, June 30, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1268, 1274, 1291 and 1303, and House documents numbered 1041, 2062, 2064, 2073, 2074,

Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery,-extension order. 2076, 2079, 2081, 2084, 2094, 2105, 2114 and 3962.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Cyr, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4833) was considered forthwith; and, was adopted, in concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were considered as follows:

The Senate Bill updating bail procedures for justice-involved youth (Senate, No. 923),-- was read a second time, and after remarks, was amended, as previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2943)

Bail procedures,--youth.

The bill (Senate, No. 2943) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Bills

Authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Rowley (Senate, No. 2876);

Providing for a revised charter for the city of Taunton (Senate, No. 2939); and

Removing the residency requirement for the city of Lynn's water and sewer commission (House, No. 4626);

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

Second reading bills.

The Senate Bill relative to forfeiture reform (Senate, No. 2671),-- was considered, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading

The pending motion, previously moved by Mr. Tarr, to lay the matter on the table was considered; and it was negatived.

After remarks, pending the question on adoption of the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Tarr moved that the matter be laid on the table; and, under the provisions of Senate Rule 24, the further consideration thereof was laid over until the next session.

Criminal forfeiture,--reform.

The Senate Bill relative to judicial supervision to promote child well-being (Senate, No. 2836),-- was considered, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

The pending motion, previously moved by Mr. Tarr, to lay the matter on the table was considered; and it was negatived.

After remarks, pending the question on adoption of the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Tarr moved that the matter be laid on the table; and, under the provisions of Senate Rule 24, the further consideration thereof was laid over until the next session.

Judicial supervision,-- child well-being.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Order, granting the committee on the Judiciary until June 30, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 47, 368, 920, 932, 937, 945, 946, 976, 989, 1014, 1035, 1037, 1048, 1051, 1057, 1091, 1112, 1133 and 2607 relative to judicial matters (Senate, No. 2835),-- ought to be adopted.

extension.

Judiciary,--

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Eldridge, and, after remarks the

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order was considered forthwith and adopted Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Order, granting the committee on the Judiciary until June 30, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2791 and 2810 relative to judiciary matters (Senate, No. 2849),-- ought to be adopted.

Id.

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Order, granting the committee on the Judiciary until June 30, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2378 and 2868 relative to judicial matters (Senate, No. 2906),-- ought to be adoped.

Id.

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr--

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

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at twenty-eight minutes past two o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.