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Tuesday, July 26, 2022.

Met at fourteen 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.

Communications.

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

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Senators Michael D. Brady and Susan L. Moran (under Section 214 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) to the Selection Committee for the Madeline Amy Sweeney Award for Civilian Bravery (received July 25, 2022);

Madeline Amy Sweeney Award for Civilian Bravery.

Communication from the Bureau of Special Investigations in the Office of the State Auditor (pursuant to item 0710-0200 of Section 2 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its quarterly report detailing and summarizing its activity during the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2022 (received July 25, 2022); and

BSI,-- FY22 Q4 report. SD3277

Communication from the Honorable Michael O. Moore, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at twenty-five minutes before five o'clock P.M.).

Senator Michael O. Moore, -- Chapter 268A.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Hinds, for the committee on Revenue, on petition, a Bill relative to senior property tax deferral (Senate, No. 1885);

Senior property tax,-- deferral.

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

By Mr. Gomez, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 114), a Bill relative to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (Senate, No. 3059);

Disabled individuals.

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

By Mr. Cronin, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill relative to the city of Everett home rule charter (Senate, No. 2983) [Local approval received];

Everett,-- charter.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5097) of Aaron Michlewitz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to certain affordable housing and branch library space in the Chinatown section of the city of Boston;

Chinatown,-- affordable housing.

To the committee on Housing.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5081) of Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Provincetown;

Provincetown,--
charter.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5082) of Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) that the town of Provincetown be authorized to continue the employment of Michael Trovato, a member of the fire department of said town;

Provincetown,--
Trovato employment.

To the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5083) of Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) relative to the room occupancy excise in the town of Provincetown;

Provincetown,--
room excise.

To the committee on Revenue.

A Bill to improve and modernize the information technology systems and capacities of the judiciary (House, No. 5076,-- on House, No. 1520),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Judiciary,-- IT
system.

A Bill confirming and authorizing Commercial Wharf East Condominium Association's uses and structures located on private tidelands (House, No. 5080,-- on House, No. 3720),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

Boston,--
Commercial Wharf
East Condo Assoc.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brady) "congratulating Samantha Kenn on her elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Samantha Kenn.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hinds) "commending composer John Towner Williams for his contributions to the arts and culture of Berkshire County and the Commonwealth"; and

John Towner
Williams.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rush) "congratulating Peter D'Elia on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday."

Peter D'Elia.

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The House Bill dedicating the grove at Heritage State Park in the city of Fall River as the David Almond Grove, in honor of the late David Almond (House, No. 4832),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Fall River,--
David Almond.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Deborah Grimm, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (Senate, No. 3054).

Deborah Grimm,--
sick leave.

The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Velis, 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 Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to the retirement benefits of employees of the Cape Ann Transportation Authority.

CATA,-- retirement
benefits.
SD3170

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 Public Service.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5098) of Kip A. Diggs and Julian Cyr for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Julie A. Hall, an employee of the Trial Court,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.**

Julie A. Hall,--
sick leave.

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill relative to the alternative superannuation retirement benefit program for teachers (see House, No. 4443), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 4 to 0.

Superannuation,--
teachers.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and sent to the House for enactment.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill regulating voting precincts in the city of Chicopee (see House, No. 4860) (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.

A Bill to permit the creation of a right-turn lane from Edgell road to Central street in the city of Framingham (House, No. 5095,-- on House, No. 4660) [Local approval received on House, No. 4660],-- was read.

Framingham,-- lane
creation.

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

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill relative to school operational efficiency (House, No. 596),-- ought to pass.

School operational
efficiency.

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

Subsequently, after remarks, the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill authorizing the transfer of certain land in the towns of Lee and Lenox to Edith Wharton Restoration, Inc (House, No. 4215),-- ought to pass, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3055.

Lee and Lenox,--
land transfer.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Moore, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The bill, as amended was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Step therapy,--
patient safety.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill relative to step therapy and patient safety (House, No. 4929),-- ought to pass, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3056.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The bill, as amended was then ordered to a third reading and read a third time. There being no objection, the matter was temporarily laid aside.

Subsequently, after remarks, the question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at eleven minutes before five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Cyr as follows, to wit (yeas 38 - nays 0) [Yeas and Nays No. 221]:

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. |
| Feeney, Paul R. | Rush, Michael F. |
| Finegold, Barry R. | Tarr, Bruce E. |
| Friedman, Cindy F. | Timilty, Walter F. |
| Gobi, Anne M. | Velis, John C. - 38. |

NAYS - 0.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Fattman, Ryan C. - **1.**

The yeas and nays having been completed at three minutes before five o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with the amendment. Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Communication.

The Clerk read the following communication:

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE

July 26, 2022

The Honorable Michael D. Hurley
Clerk of the Massachusetts State Senate

State House, Room 335
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

During today's session, I was not recorded on the following matter.

- On the question of passing to be engrossed H4929 -- An Act relative to step therapy and patient safety, roll call #221.

Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative:

I respectfully request that this correspondence be printed in the journal during the next session. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Ryan C. Fattman
State Senator
Worcester & Norfolk

On motion of Mr. Tarr, the above communication was ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Ordered printed.

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill to preserve special needs trusts for disabled seniors (House, No. 4792),-- ought to pass, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3057.

Special needs trusts,-
- disabled seniors.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Moore, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The bill, as amended was then ordered to a third reading and read a third time. Subsequently, after remarks, the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with the amendment. Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill prohibiting license revocation for student loan default (House, No. 4339),-- ought to pass, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3058.

Student loans,--
license revocation.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The bill, as amended was then ordered to a third reading and read a third time. Subsequently, after remarks, the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with the amendment. Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Recess.

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

Recess.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills.

An engrossed Bill protecting research animals (see House, No. 901, amended) (which originated in the House), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, after remarks, 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.

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.

Further regulating the enforcement of illegal hunting practices (see House, No. 4442, amended); and

Relative to the alternative superannuation retirement benefit program for teachers (see House, No. 4443).

Engrossed Bill—Land Taking for Conservation Etc.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the use of Article ninety-seven land for roadway improvements in the town of Dunstable (see House, No. 3936, amended) (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 seven minutes before three o'clock P.M., as follows, to wit (yeas 39 - nays 0) **[Yeas and Nays No. 216]:**

Dunstable,-- roadway improvements.

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 four 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.

Committee of Conference Report.

Reproductive rights.

The President in the Chair, a report of the committee of conference of the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendments to the House Bill expanding protections for reproductive rights (House, No. 4594) (*amended by the Senate* by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 3003; and by striking out the emergency preamble and inserting in place thereof the following: “Whereas, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to expand protections for reproductive and gender-affirming care, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title “An Act expanding protections for reproductive and gender-affirming care”),-- reported, a “Bill expanding protections for reproductive and gender-affirming care” (House, No. 5090),-- came from the House, and was read.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Creem, and the report was considered forthwith.

After remarks, the question on acceptance of the report of the committee of conference was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at twenty-one minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Friedman as follows, to wit (yeas 39 – nays 1) [**Yeas and Nays No. 217**]:

YEAS.

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| Barrett, Michael J. | Hinds, Adam G. |
| Brady, Michael D. | Jehlen, Patricia D. |
| Brownsberger, William N. | Keenan, John F. |
| Chandler, Harriette L. | Kennedy, Edward J. |
| Chang-Diaz, Sonia | Lesser, Eric P. |
| Collins, Nick | Lewis, Jason M. |
| Comerford, Joanne M. | Lovely, Joan B. |
| Creem, Cynthia Stone | Montigny, Mark C. |
| Crichton, Brendan P. | Moore, Michael O. |
| Cronin, John J. | Moran, Susan L. |
| Cyr, Julian | O'Connor, Patrick M. |
| DiDomenico, Sal N. | Pacheco, Marc R. |
| DiZoglio, Diana | Rausch, Rebecca L. |
| Edwards, Lydia | Rodrigues, Michael J. |
| Eldridge, James B. | 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. – 39. |
| Gomez, Adam | |

NAYS.

- Fattman, Ryan C. – 1.

The yeas and nays having been completed at thirteen minutes before four o'clock

P.M., the report was accepted, in concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills—Land Takings for Conservation Etc.

Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair, an engrossed Bill providing for the disposition of certain land in the town of West Brookfield (see House, No. 4519, amended) (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 four minutes past four o'clock P.M., as follows, to wit (yeas 39 - nays 0) [**Yeas and Nays No. 218**]:

West Brookfield,--
land easements.

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 eight minutes past four 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.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to convey a parcel of land to the town of Brewster (see House, No. 4901, amended) (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 nine minutes past four o'clock P.M., as follows, to wit (yeas 39 - nays 0) [**Yeas and Nays No. 219**]:

Brewster,-- land
conveyance.

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.
 Tarr, Bruce E.
 Timilty, Walter F.
 Velis, John C. – 39.

NAYS – 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at twelve minutes past four 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.

Engrossed Bill—State Loan.

An engrossed Bill financing the general governmental infrastructure of the Commonwealth (see House No. 5065) (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 borrowing of money, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of Article LXII 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 thirteen minutes past four o'clock P.M., as follows to wit (yeas 39 - nays 0) **[Yeas and Nays No. 220]:**

Government bond.

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

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.

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Eldridge, James B.
Fattman, Ryan C.
Feeney, Paul R.
Finegold, Barry R.
Friedman, Cindy F.
Gobi, Anne M.

Rausch, Rebecca L.
Rodrigues, Michael J.
Rush, Michael F.
Tarr, Bruce E.
Timilty, Walter F.
Velis, John C. – 39.

NAYS – 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at eighteen minutes past four 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.

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

Ms. Friedman in the Chair, an engrossed Bill expanding protections for reproductive and gender-affirming care (see House, No. 5090), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 7 to 0.

Reproductive rights.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Ms. Friedman) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair) and sent to the House for enactment.

Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair, petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5100) of John J. Lawn, Jr. (with the approval of the city council) that the city known as the town of Watertown be authorized to acquire certain property in the city of Waltham;

Watertown/Waltham,
-- land.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5102) of Shawn Dooley that the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to release a certain sewer easement in the town of Norfolk;

Norfolk,-- sewer
easement.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The President in the Chair, an engrossed Bill expanding protections for reproductive and gender-affirming care (see House, No. 5090) (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 President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before the
Governor.

Order Adopted.

Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair, on motion of Mr. Tarr,--
Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at one o'clock P.M. in a full formal session without a calendar.

Time of meeting.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

On motion of the same Senator, at twenty-five minutes past five o'clock P.M, the Senate adjourned to meet again Thursday next at one o'clock P.M.