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Met at nine minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the Suffolk County House of Correction inspection on December 21, 22 and 23, 2021 (received March 10, 2022),-- was placed on file.

DPH,-- plan of correction. SD3045

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Lewis, for the committee on Education, on Senate, Nos. 283, 343, 352, 353, 355, 356, 371, 372, 385 and 386, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to education matters (Senate, No. 2755);

Education committee,-- study.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 284, 287, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 295, 297, 300, 302, 307, 309, 313, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 333, 339, 340, 342, 346, 347, 349, 360, 361, 363, 373, 374, 375, 378, 379, 380, 381, 383, 384, 387, 388, 390, 391, 394 and 2516, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to education issues (Senate, No. 2756) [Representative Pease of Westfield dissenting];

Id.

By Mr. Keenan, for the committee on Housing, on Senate, No. 880 and House, No. 1411, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Housing to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document and House document relative to facilitating site plan review (Senate, No. 2760); and

Housing committee,-- study.

By Mr. Keenan, for the committee on Transportation, on Senate, Nos. 2269, 2274, 2303, 2339 and 2538, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to miscellaneous transportation issues (Senate, No. 2758);

Transportation committee,-- study.

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

Order.

Mr. Cronin presented an Order relative to granting the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government until June 3, 2022 within which time to make its final report on a current Senate document numbered 2594 and House documents numbered 2130, 2209 and 4314 relative to certain municipal matters (Senate, No. 2757);

Municipalities and Regional Government,-- extension.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to indigenous representation on the Martha's Vineyard Commission (House, No. 4579,-- on House, No. 4021),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

Martha's Vineyard Commission.

A Bill exempting the city of Northampton from appointments to the Northampton License Commission on the basis of party affiliation (House, No. 4284) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Northampton License Commission.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Collins) "supporting the Commissioning of the United States Ship Massachusetts (SSN 798) in the Boston Harbor in the city of Boston";

United States Ship Massachusetts.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cyr and Ms. Moran) "commending the Cape Symphony in the town of Barnstable on its sixtieth anniversary";

The Cape Symphony.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Charles Benjamin Cotter on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Charles Benjamin Cotter.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Nicholas Joseph Savage on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout"; and

Nicholas Joseph Savage.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) "congratulating Mary Bliss on her one hundredth birthday."

Mary Bliss.

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 authorizing the town of Sudbury to transfer a certain parcel of land (House, No. 4108),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Sudbury,-- land transfer.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill to amend the charter of the town of Middleborough (House, No. 4370,-- on House, No. 4199) [Local approval received on House, No. 4199],-- was read.

Middleborough,-- charter.

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

A Bill relative to the charter and the town clerk in the town of Groton (House, No. 4580,-- on House, No. 4261) [Local approval received on House, No. 4261],-- was read.

Groton,-- charter.

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

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 Municipalities and Regional Government until March 16, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 4321 and 4322 relative to certain local matters (Senate, No. 2689),-- ought to be adopted;

Municipalities and Regional Government,-- extension order.

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

was considered forthwith.

Pending the question on adoption of the order, Mr. Cronin presented an amendment in line 2 by striking out the words "March 16, 2022" and inserting in place thereof the following: "April 29, 2022"; and in line 3 by striking out the words "House documents numbered 4321 and 4322" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "Senate documents numbered 2684 and 2685 and House documents numbered 4321, 4322 and 4316".

The amendment was adopted.

The order (Senate, No. 2689, amended) was then 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 Election Laws be granted until March 15, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 470, 471 and 475 and House documents numbered 769, 772, 773, 774, 778, 800 and 4070 relative to campaign finance (Senate, No. 2645),-- ought to be adopted;

Election Laws,--
extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the matter was considered forthwith.

Pending the question on adoption of the order, Mr. Finegold presented an amendment in line 2 by striking out the words "March 15, 2022" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "April 15, 2022".

The amendment was adopted.

The order (Senate, No. 2645, amended) was then adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

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.

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