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

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Honorable Adam G. Hinds, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at eight minutes before ten o'clock P.M),-- was placed on file.

Senator Adam G. Hinds,-- Chapter 268A.

Reports.

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

Report of the Office of Medicaid (pursuant to Section 265 of Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012) submitting its 2021 annual report certifying the compliance of contracted health plans with mental health parity requirements (received August 11, 2022);

Office of Medicaid,-- MH report. SD3292

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Section 3B of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting a notification of proposed fee change for the Mobile Integrated Health program (received August 11, 2022); and

DPH,-- fee change. SD3293

Report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (pursuant to Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the August 2022 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund report (received August 15, 2022).

DUA,-- UI trust fund report. SD3294

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Transportation, on petition, a Bill designating U.S. Route 20 in Massachusetts the Medal of Honor Highway (Senate, No. 3061);

Route 20,-- Medal of Honor Highway.

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

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill exempting Jesus Melendez from the maximum age requirement for firefighter in the town of North Andover (Senate, No. 3024) [Local approval received]; and

North Andover,-- firefighter.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Hinsdale to continue employment of Susan Rathbun (Senate, No. 3026) [Local approval received];

Hinsdale,-- chief of police.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5191) of David K. Muradian, Jr. and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to the employment contract for the director of public works in the town of Upton;

Upton,-- director of public works.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5192) of Denise C. Garlick (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt all positions in the police department of the town of Needham from the civil service law;

Needham,-- police department.

To the committee on Public Service.

A Bill designating inflammatory breast cancer awareness day (House, No. 3147, amended,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

Inflammatory breast cancer awareness day.

A Bill authorizing the town of Falmouth to hold a special election for members of a municipal light board (House, No. 4877, on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Falmouth,-- special election.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fattman) “congratulating the Sutton Council on Aging on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment.”

The Sutton Council on Aging.

Engrossed Bill Returned by Governor with His Objections Thereto.

A message from His Excellency the Governor, returning, with his disapproval of Section 26 contained in the engrossed Bill relative to equity in the cannabis industry (see Senate, No. 3096) which, on Monday, August 1, 2022, had been laid before the Governor for his approbation, and which, at twenty-seven minutes past two o'clock P.M., on Thursday, August 11, 2022, had been returned by His Excellency, pursuant to Section 5 of Article LXIII of the Amendments to the Constitution, to the Senate Clerk, together with his objections thereto in writing as relates to Section 26.

Cannabis industry.

The message (Senate, No. 3107) was read and, under Senate Rule 27 referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

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

The House Bill exempting the positions of police chief and police captain in the city of Leominster from the civil service law (House, No. 3756),-- was read a third time.

Leominster,-- civil service exams.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Cronin presented an amendment striking out section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sections:-

“SECTION 2. This act shall not impair the civil service status of a person holding a position described in section 1 on the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”

The amendment was adopted.

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

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

The House Bill authorizing the investment of town of Lunenburg library trust funds (House, No. 3727),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Lunenburg,-- library trust fund.

The House Bill further regulating the authority of the town of Norwood to grant

Norwood,-- liquor

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licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages in a certain area of the town (House, No. 4114) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

licenses.

The House Bill regarding licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Tisbury (House, No. 4240),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Tisbury,-- liquor licenses.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Hull to grant 5 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4667) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Hull,-- liquor licenses.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Rhonda Brewster, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 4831),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Rhonda Brewster,-- sick leave.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Time of meeting.

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