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Monday, June 6, 2022.

Met at twenty-nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon (Mr. Collins 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. Collins), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (pursuant to item 1599-2026 of Section 2A of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its report on the behavioral health treatment and referral platform and inter-operable data warehouse (received June 1, 2022),-- was placed on file.

EOHHS,-- BH TRP and data report. SD3182

Reports.

The following reports were severally received and placed on file, to wit Report of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (pursuant to Section 66(3) of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2022 annual report (received June 2, 2022); and Report of the Asian American and Pacific Islanders Commission (pursuant to Section 68(e) of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its 2021 annual report (received June 2, 2022).

MCSW,-- FY22 annual report. SD3183

AAPIC,-- annual report. SD3185

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows: By Mr. Cronin, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John J. Cronin and Natalie M. Higgins for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Clara Bett, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth; and By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ryan C. Fattman and Joseph D. McKenna for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Michael D'Ambra, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office; Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Clara Bett,-- sick leave. SD3181

Michael D'Ambra,-- sick leave. SD3184

Reports of Committees.

The following reports were placed in the Orders of the Day, the time within which the said committee was required to report having expired: Of the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the Senate Bills Establishing a special commission to study women and homelessness (Senate, No. 82); To establish an acquired brain injury advisory board (Senate, No. 83);

Homeless women,-- commission.

Brain injury board.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

Establishing a commission on the status of children and youth (Senate, No. 130, changed in line 3 by striking out the figure “71” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “72”; and in line 4 by striking out the figure “20” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “19”; and in lines 17 and 18 by striking out the words “YMCA Youth in Government program” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs”);

Establishing a commission to study childhood hunger in Norfolk County as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic (Senate, No. 145);

Relative to the Rural Policy Advisory Commission (Senate, No. 265);

To establish a special commission on innovative technology-enabled teaching and learning (Senate, No. 364);

Further regulating the Assisted Living Advisory Council (Senate, No. 408);

Establishing a special commission to study the noise effects of hunting migratory game birds in neighborhoods and communities within established coastal zones (Senate, No. 508);

Improving access to affordable higher education (Senate, No. 825);

Establishing a special commission to study racial segregation in housing and public schools (Senate, No. 870);

Relative to attainable housing in seasonal communities (Senate, No. 873);

To establish a November holiday honoring President John F. Kennedy, to promote increased voter participation and civic engagement (Senate, No. 1030);

To establish a commission to study the distribution of unrestricted local aid (Senate, No. 1344);

Establishing a commission on the status of citizens of Haitian descent (Senate, No. 1819);

Establishing a special commission to identify opportunities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of state agencies, programs, and services (Senate, No. 2076);

Relative to a special commission to study MBTA assets in the City of Boston (Senate, No. 2291);

Funding a study of passenger service on the Housatonic rail line (Senate, No. 2336);

To modernize property tax abatements for veterans (Senate, No. 2393);

Establishing a committee to study an appropriate location for a memorial to LGBT service members and veterans (Senate, No. 2394);

Establishing a commission on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (Senate, No. 2403);

To end housing discrimination in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2675);

Establishing a commission on automated decision-making by government in the commonwealth (Senate, No. 2688);

Creating a special legislative commission to study barriers to job retention for low-income workers (Senate, No. 2724);

Establishing a special commission to study the effectiveness of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (Senate, No. 2727);

Relative to MassHealth provider reimbursement (Senate, No. 2787);

To establish a Higher Education Review Commission (Senate, No. 2812); and

Creating a special commission to study the current refugee resettlement infrastructure and ensure the successful integration of refugees in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 2847).

Children and youth,--  
commission.

Norfolk County,--  
hunger commission.

Rural policy.

Technology-enabled  
teaching.

ALAC,-- regulate.

Hunting noise,--  
commission.

Higher education,--  
affordability.

Housing and public  
schools segregation.

Seasonal  
communities.

John F. Kennedy,--  
holiday.

Unrestricted local  
aid,-- distribution.

Haitian Americans,--  
commission.

State government,--  
efficiency.

MBTA assets,--  
commission.

Housatonic rail line.

Veterans,-- property  
tax.

LGBT veterans,--  
memorial.

PTSD,-- commission.

Housing  
discrimination.

Automated decision-  
making.

Job retention,--  
commission.

SBA,-- commission.

Provider  
reimbursement.

Higher Education  
Review Commission.

Refugee integration,-  
- commission.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

Senate Resolves

Relative to improving access to treatment for individuals with perinatal substance use disorder (Senate, No. 128);

Perinatal substance use,-- commission.

Establishing a special commission on the treatment of intellectually and developmentally disabled offenders in the criminal justice system (Senate, No. 131);

Individuals with disabilities.

Establishing a task force to study racial disparities in home ownership and reducing the wealth gap (Senate, No. 887);

Home ownership,-- disparities.

Establishing a special commission to study the impact of telecommuting on employees of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 1255);

Telecommuting,-- study.

Establishing a special commission on the Dover amendment (Senate, No. 1347); and To diversify farmland opportunities to combat climate change (Senate, No. 2737).

Educational zoning.  
Farmlands,-- climate.

Of the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10):

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 604) of Marc R. Pacheco and Michael D. Brady for legislation to establish tracking and reporting requirements for Massachusetts transportation fuels and associated greenhouse gas emissions;

Greenhouse gas emissions,-- tracking.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 607) of Marc R. Pacheco and Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to 2030 and 2040 emissions benchmarks; and

Emissions,-- benchmarks.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2716) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cynthia Stone Creem and Alice Hanlon Peisch for legislation to support municipal light plants; and

Municipal light plants.

Of the committee on Transportation, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2544) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marc R. Pacheco, Norman J. Orrall and Susan Williams Gifford for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the towns of Middleborough and Carver as the Medal of Honor Bridge.

Middleborough and Carver,-- bridge.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointment by the Minority Leader:

Mystic Valley Elder Services CEO Lisa Gurgone to serve as his designee on the Human Services Workers Loan Repayment Assistance Program Board (pursuant to line item 1599-2027 of Section 2A of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021).

Human Services Workers Loan Repayment Assistance Program.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4841) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and Paul K. Frost (by vote of the town) relative to exempting certain positions in the police department of the town of Leicester from the civil service law; and

Leicester Police Dept.,-- civil service exemptions.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4842) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush (by vote of the town) that the town of Dedham be authorized to continue the employment of William Spillane as chief of the fire department of said town;

Dedham,-- fire chief.

**Severally to the committee on Public Service.**

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) “congratulating Thomas J. Eagan on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”; and

Thomas J. Eagan.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) “congratulating Liam G. Gillespie on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

Liam G. Gillespie.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

*Engrossed Bills.*

An engrossed Bill eliminating a sub-precinct in the town of Medway (see House Bill, printed in House, No. 4708) (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, two-thirds of the members present having voted in the affirmative, and it was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Collins) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

The following engrossed bills (both 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. Collins) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Authorizing the establishment of a regional old colony communications center enterprise fund by the town of Duxbury (see House, No. 3748); and

Bills laid before the Governor.

Further regulating police detail work in the town of Hudson (see House, No. 4296).

*Reports of Committees.*

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The Senate Bill designating a certain boat launch area in the town of Rutland as the Detective John D. Songy Boat Launch (Senate, No. 535).

Rutland,-- Songy Boat Launch.

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

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill regulating central service technicians (Senate, No. 1522),-- ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2913).

Central service technicians.

*Order Adopted.*

Mr. Rodrigues offered the following order, to wit:

*Ordered,* That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the Senate Bill regulating central service technicians (Senate, No. 1522) (the committee on Ways and Means having recommended that the bill be amended by substituting a new draft with the same title Senate, No. 2913) shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Thursday, June 9, 2022 for immediate consideration.

Procedural order.

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

**The bill will be placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, June 9, 2022, for a second reading with the amendment pending.**

*Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 4638),-- ought to pass.

Roads and bridges.

*Order Adopted.*

Mr. Rodrigues offered the following order, to wit:

*Ordered*, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the House Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 4638) shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Thursday, June 9, 2022 for immediate consideration.

Procedural order.

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

**The bill will be placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, June 9, 2022, for a second reading with the amendment pending.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4850) of James J. O'Day (with the approval of the city council) relative to the redevelopment by the Worcester Housing Authority of the state funded public housing project known as Curtis Apartments in the city of Worcester;

Worcester,-- Curtis Apartments.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4849) of Daniel Cahill for legislation to further regulate provisions in state procurement contracts involving the use of low embodied carbon concrete;

State contracts,-- concrete use.

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

*Orders.*

The following House Orders (severally approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) were considered as follows:

*Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure be granted until Friday, June 17, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4635.

Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure,-- extension order.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4727) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.**

*Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Labor and Workforce Development be granted until Friday, July 15, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1181, 1216 and 1224, and House documents numbered 1953, 2034 and 4202.

Labor and Workforce Development,-- extension order.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4783) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.**

*Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Service be granted until Friday, June 10, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4454.

Public Service,-- extension order.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4770) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.**

*Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Service be granted until Friday, June 10, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4568.

Id.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4799) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in 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. in a full formal session with a calendar.

Time of meeting.

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