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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



**THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022**

## JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Thursday, June 9, 2022.

Met at sixteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.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).

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

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Pledge of allegiance.

### *Distinguished Guests.*

There being no objection, the President introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, members of her Youth Advisory Council, also known as YAC. Since 2016, the President has convened talented, civic-minded juniors and seniors from every high school in her district to gain first-hand experience on how government works. The students were recognized for their commitment, and the very serious work that they have devoted to this endeavor. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Youth Advisory Council.

There being no objection, the President introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, members of the Athena Council, the student subsidiary of the MetroWest Commission on the Status of Women. The members were visiting the State House to share results of a survey they created and administered about youth mental health. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Athena Council.

### *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 Dr. Charles Daniels (pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2022) to the Behavioral Health Advisory Commission (received June 8, 2022); and

Behavioral Health Advisory Commission.

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the Middlesex County Jail and House of Correction inspection on March 21, 22 and 23, 2022 (received June 6, 2022).

DPH,-- plan of correction.  
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### *Petition.*

Mr. Fattman presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2925) of Ryan C. Fattman, Peter J. Durant and Paul K. Frost for legislation to authorize raising the maximum retirement age of special police officers in the town of Charlton to 70 years old [Local approval received];

Charlton,-- police officers.

**Referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Public Service.  
Sent to the House for concurrence.**

### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Gomez, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 103), an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to

Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities committee,-- study.

make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document creating an electronic backpack for foster children (Senate, No. 2912) [Senator Eldridge and Representative LeBoeuf of Worcester dissenting];

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 134 and 139, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to children, families and persons with disabilities matters (Senate, No. 2914) [Senator Eldridge dissenting];

By Ms. Moran, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2867), an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document to enhance diversity in the awarding of liquor licenses (Senate, No. 2916);

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, Nos. 70, 89, 116, 127, 407, 430, 635, 636, 639, 642, 643, 644, 651, 664, 672, 677, 687, 688, 689, 691, 694, 695, 697, 704, 713, 732, 740, 743, 753, 754, 760, 765, 766, 776, 782, 784, 791, 795, 798, 806, 808, 1402, 2492, 2600 and 2856, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Health Care Financing to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to health care financing (Senate, No. 2917);

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on Senate, Nos. 1181 and 1224, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to application based workers (Senate, No. 2918);

By Mr. Cyr, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on Senate, Nos. 1266, 1273, 1281, 1282, 1297, 1298, 1300, 1301, 1302, 1305, 1306, 1310, 1312, 1316 and 1318, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to mental health, substance use and recovery matters (Senate, No. 2919);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1295), an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document to remove administrative barriers to behavioral health services (Senate, No. 2920); and

By Mr. Timilty, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on Senate, Nos. 1559 and 1609, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to public safety and homeland security matters (Senate, No. 2911) [Senators Chang-Diaz, Eldridge and Rausch dissenting];

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

By Ms. Comerford, for the committee on Public Health, on petition, a Bill establishing an oral health special commission and needs assessment (Senate, No. 1378); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1458), a Bill relative to the practice of acupuncture (Senate, No. 2886) [Representative Dooley of Norfolk dissenting];

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

Id.

Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure committee,-- study.

Health Care Financing committee,-- study.

Labor and Workforce Development committee,-- study.

Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery committee,-- study.

Id.

Public Safety and Homeland Security committee,-- study.

Oral health,-- commission.

Acupuncture,-- practice.

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Financial Services, on petition, a Bill relative to telehealth and digital equity for patients (Senate, No. 678);

By Ms. Comerford, for the committee on Public Health, on petition, a Bill relative to modernizing the regulation of clinical laboratories (Senate, No. 1394);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to enhance hospital care for those with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities (Senate, No. 1469); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1436 and House, No. 437, a Bill to establish a pilot program for specialty pharmacy in urology (Senate, No. 2894);

**Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.**

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Senate Bills Ensuring equal access to medical treatments essential for people with a developmental disability, intellectual disability, or autism (Senate, No. 115) (also based on House, No. 184) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

To increase the safety of individuals with disabilities relying on life-support equipment (Senate, No. 140) (also based on House, No. 265) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Relative to Massachusetts home care eligibility (Senate, No. 405) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Directing the administration to amend the Frail Elder Home and Community-Based Waiver to permit eligible older adults to choose to reside in Certified Assisted Living Residences (Senate, No. 410) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Relative to expanding the availability of personal care homes for older adults (Senate, No. 418) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

To ensure resident safety within assisted living facilities (Senate, No. 421) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Improving lives by ensuring access to brain injury treatment (Senate, No. 629) (also based on House, No. 1078) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

For supportive care for serious mental illness (Senate, No. 646) (also based on House, No. 1062) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Relative to ensuring treatment for genetic craniofacial conditions (Senate, No. 648) (also based on House, Nos. 1153, 1208 and 1214) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Relative to LGBTQ family building (Senate, No. 652) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Relative to out-of-network billing (Senate, No. 674) (also based on Senate, No. 680 and House, Nos. 1066, 1197 and 1280) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

To ensure dependent health coverage for adults with disabilities (Senate, No. 700) (also based on Senate, No. 668 and House, No. 1044) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Relative to hospital grade breast pumps (Senate, No. 2717) (also based on House, No. 1215) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

To expand access to Naloxone (Senate, No. 2780) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Relative to source plasma donation centers (Senate, No. 2782) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000]; and

Relative to the program of all-inclusive care for the elderly (Senate, No. 2873) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

**Severally ought to pass;**

Telehealth,-- health insurance.

Clinical laboratories,-- regulations.

Autism,-- provider knowledge.

Urology,-- pilot program.

Medical treatment,-- equal access.

Disabled individuals,-- safety.

Home care eligibility.

Assisted living,-- waiver.

Seniors,-- personal care homes.

Assisted living,-- safety.

Cognitive rehabilitation.

Mental illness,-- supportive care.

Craniofacial disorders.

LGBTQ,-- pregnancy related coverage.

Healthcare services,-- billing.

Dependent health coverage.

Breast pumps,-- hospital grade.

Naloxone,-- access.

Source plasma donation centers.

Seniors,-- PACE programs.

**Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on petition, a Bill to reduce plastic packaging waste (Senate, No. 503);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill preserving public trust rights in land affected by ocean erosion (Senate, No. 513);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 525), a Bill eliminating plastic bags (Senate, No. 2895);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 579), a Bill to reduce single-use plastics from the environment (Senate, No. 2896);

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, No. 780 and House, No. 1293, a Bill relative to accountable care (Senate, No. 780) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 745 and House, No. 1256), a Bill relative to preventing discrimination against persons with disabilities in the provision of health care (Senate, No. 2921) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

By Mr. Cronin, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill providing for the establishment of sustainable water resource funds (Senate, No. 2869);

By Ms. Comerford, for the committee on Public Health, on Senate, No. 1399 and House, No. 2362, a Bill to strengthen the worker voice in hospital care planning (Senate, No. 1399);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the reform of the personal care attendant system (Senate, No. 1502);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1437), a Bill establishing a special commission to study the youth sports industry (Senate, No. 2892);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1494), a Bill relative to chemicals in food packaging (Senate, No. 2893);

By Mr. Timilty, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on petition, a Bill relative to 3-D printed weapons and “ghost guns” (Senate, No. 1540);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill permitting familial searching and partial DNA matches in investigating certain unsolved crimes (Senate, No. 1595);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Resolve establishing a special commission to study technology to monitor and protect individuals in law enforcement custody (Senate, No. 1625); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the diverse recruitment and reform of the Massachusetts State Police (Senate, No. 1641);

**Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

By Mr. Timilty, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on petition, a Bill relative to the disclosure of certain police reports (Senate, No. 1571);

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Plastic packaging,--  
reduce.

Ocean erosion,-- trust  
rights.

Plastic bags,--  
reduction.

Single-use plastics,--  
reduce.

Accountable care.

Persons with  
disabilities,--  
discrimination.

Water resource  
funds.

Health care workers,-  
- overtime.

Personal care  
attendants,-- reform.

Youth sports,--  
commission.

Food packaging,--  
chemicals.

Gun manufacturing,--  
3D printing.

DNA matches,--  
crimes.

Law enforcement  
custody,--  
technology.

State police,--  
recruitment.

Police reports,--  
disclosure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4845) of Alice Hanlon Peisch (by vote of the town) that the town of Wellesley be authorized to grant certain licenses for the temporary sale of alcoholic beverages in said town;

Wellesley,-- liquor licenses.

**To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4860) of Joseph F. Wagner and Eric P. Lesser (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to voting precincts in the city of Chicopee;

Chicopee,-- voting precincts.

**To the committee on Election Laws.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4846) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Deerfield be authorized to eliminate the appointed tax collector/town clerk/treasurer in said town and create an appointed town clerk and an appointed town treasurer-collector; and

Deerfield,-- appointed positions.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4847) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the term of office for city council assistant for the city of Holyoke;

Holyoke,-- city council assistant.

**Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4848) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush (by vote of the town) relative to the maximum age requirement for original appointment as a police officer in the town of Dedham;

Dedham,-- police officer.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4861) of Jessica Ann Giannino, Donald H. Wong and Brendan P. Crighton (by vote of the town) that the town of Saugus be authorized to appoint retired police officers of said town as special police officers;

Saugus,-- police officers.

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

**Bills**

Designating United States highway route 20 in Massachusetts the Medal of Honor Highway (House, No. 4436,-- on petition);

Medal of Honor Highway.

Authorizing Adrian Peters to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable county retirement board (House, No. 4655, amended,-- on petition);

Adrian Peters,-- creditable service.

Authorizing Jacob M. White to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County retirement board (House, No. 4659, amended,-- on petition); and

Jacob M. White,-- creditable service.

Providing for statement of financial interests flexibility (House, No. 4839,-- on House, No. 17);

Financial interests,-- flexibility.

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

**Bills**

Authorizing the town of Mendon to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 3901,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Mendon,-- senior tax exemption.

Concerning the appointment of retired Salem firefighters as special firefighters within the city of Salem (House, No. 4265,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Salem,-- retired firefighters.

**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 twenty minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and at a quarter before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate reassembled, Mr. Timilty in the Chair.

Recess.

*Distinguished Guests.*

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Timilty) introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class from Milton’s Collicot Elementary School. The students were on a field trip to the State House learning about the different aspects of state government. They were welcomed with applause and withdrew from the Chamber. The students were led by teachers: Karen Curran, Anna Currie, David Rossner, Jessica Murphy, Erin O’Brien, Clarisse Maugis, Patrick Comer, David Rennie, Elaine DeAngelis and Allie Lawless.

Milton’s Collicot Elementary School.

*Recess.*

There being no objection, at twelve minutes before twelve o’clock noon, the Chair (Mr. Timilty) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and at one minute past one o’clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Edwards and Mr. DiDomenico) “congratulating Father Daniel Mahoney on the occasion of his retirement as Chief Chaplain of the Boston Fire Department and as pastor of the Saint Francis De Sales Church in the neighborhood of Charlestown in the city of Boston”;

Father Daniel Mahoney.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O’Connor) “congratulating Sean Barry on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Sean Barry.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Rausch and Mr. Feeney) “congratulating Castor ‘Castenzio’ Salemi on his one hundredth birthday”; and

Castor “Castenzio” Salemi.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Rush, O’Connor and Timilty) “congratulating Tom Meagher on the occasion of his retirement from Catholic Memorial in the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston.”

Tom Meagher.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

*Emergency Preambles Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Dr. Heidi Tarr Henson, an employee of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (see Senate, No. 2863), 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.

Heidi Tarr Henson,-- sick leave.

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

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jacquelyne Foley, an employee of the department of early education and care (see Senate, No. 2884), 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.

Jacquelyne Foley,-- sick leave.

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

House for enactment.

*Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill establishing the minimum years of service required to be promoted to fire lieutenant in the fire department of the town of Fairhaven (see Senate, No. 1747) (which originated in the Senate), **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.

*Reports of a Committees.*

By Mr. Lesser, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technology, on petition, a Bill extending the duration of the Fitchburg Area Economic Development Corporation (Senate. No. 2852).

Fitchburg Area Economic Development Corporation.

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

The following report was laid before the Senate, the time within which the said committee was required to report having expired:-

A report of the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2594) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to local opt-in for permanent outdoor dining.

Outdoor dining,-- local opt-in.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the matter was considered forthwith.**

**On motion of Mr. Rodrigues, the petition was recommitted to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

The following report was laid before the Senate, the time within which the said committee was required to report having expired:-

A report of the committee on Health Care Financing, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the Bill to require mental health parity for disability policies (Senate, No. 703).

Disability policies,-- mental health.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Friedman, and the matter was considered forthwith.**

**Pending the question on acceptance of the adverse report, on further motion of the same Senator, the bill was referred to the committee on Joint Ways and Means Sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

*Engrossed Bill Returned by Governor With His Objections Thereto.*

The President in the Chair, the engrossed Bill relative to work and family mobility (see House, No. 4805), which, on Thursday, May 26, 2022, had been laid before His Excellency the Governor for his approbation,-- came from the House the same having been returned by His Excellency the Governor, with his objections thereto in writing [for message, see House, No. 4822], and having passed that branch, notwithstanding said objections.

Work and family mobility.

The message (House, No. 4822) was read; and the Senate proceeded to reconsider the bill, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

After debate, the question on passing the bill, in concurrence, the objections of His



Excellency the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding, was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, as required by Chapter I, Section I, Article II, of the Constitution, at twenty minutes before two o'clock P.M., as follows, to wit (yeas 32 — nays 8) [Yeas and Nays No. 185]:

YEAS.

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| Barrett, Michael J.      | Friedman, Cindy F.     |
| Brady, Michael D.        | Gomez, Adam            |
| Brownsberger, William N. | Hinds, Adam G.         |
| Chandler, Harriette L.   | Jehlen, Patricia D.    |
| Chang-Diaz, Sonia        | Keenan, John F.        |
| Comerford, Joanne M.     | Kennedy, Edward J.     |
| Creem, Cynthia Stone     | Lesser, Eric P.        |
| Crighton, Brendan P.     | Lewis, Jason M.        |
| Cronin, John J.          | Lovely, Joan B.        |
| Cyr, Julian              | Montigny, Mark C.      |
| DiDomenico, Sal N.       | Moore, Michael O.      |
| DiZoglio, Diana          | Moran, Susan L.        |
| Edwards, Lydia           | Rausch, Rebecca L.     |
| Eldridge, James B.       | Rodrigues, Michael J.  |
| Feeney, Paul R.          | Rush, Michael F.       |
| Finegold, Barry R.       | Spilka, Karen E. — 32. |

NAYS.

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| Collins, Nick        | Pacheco, Marc R.    |
| Fattman, Ryan C.     | Tarr, Bruce E.      |
| Gobi, Anne M.        | Timilty, Walter F.  |
| O'Connor, Patrick M. | Velis, John C. — 8. |

**The yeas and nays having been completed at twelve minutes before two o'clock P.M., the bill was passed by the Senate, notwithstanding the objections of His Excellency the Governor, two-thirds of the members present and voting having approved the same.**

*Reports of Committees.*

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 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.

Clara Bett,--  
sick leave.  
SD3181

**Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair, 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 the Judiciary.**

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 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.

Michael D'Ambra,--  
sick leave.  
SD3184

**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.**

**Severally sent to the House for concurrence.**

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A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Susanne Cleveland, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (House, No. 4808,-- on House, No. 4803),-- was read.

Susanne Cleveland,-- sick leave.

**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.**

A Bill relative to the appointment of retired police officers in the town of Canton (House, No. 4838,-- on House, No. 3971) [Local approval received on House, No. 3971],-- was read.

Canton,--police officers.

**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.**

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4862) of Danillo A. Sena and James B. Eldridge for legislation to authorize the Devens Enterprise Commission to grant a license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises;

Devens Enterprise Commission,-- liquor license.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4863) of Danillo A. Sena and others for legislation to further regulate private well water;

Well water,-- regulation.

**Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.**

*Matters Taken Out of the Notice Section of the Calendar.*

The following matters were taken out of the Notice Section of the Calendar and considered as follows:

The Senate Bill authorizing the city of Somerville to continue the employment of Charles J. Femino as acting chief of police (Senate, No. 2841),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Somerville,-- chief of police.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The House Bill authorizing the town of Deerfield to continue the employment of police officer Gary Sibilgia (House, No. 3988, amended,-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Deerfield,- Gary Sibilgia.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Melrose to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 3766),-- **was read a second time and ordered to third reading.**

Melrose,-- senior citizen property tax.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Orders of the Day were considered as follows:

Bills

Authorizing the town of Andover to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2854);

Second reading bills.

Authorizing the town of Wareham to grant 5 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2855);

Amending the charter of the town of North Andover town meeting warrant posting (House, No. 3747);

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

Authorizing the town of Clinton to accept certain streets as public ways (House, No. 4247); and

Relative to voting precinct 3 of ward 4 in the city of Peabody (House, No. 4528);

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

There being no objection the following reports of the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), were considered as one, on motion of Ms. Lovely, the question being on acceptance of the adverse report:

On the Senate Bills

To establish an acquired brain injury advisory board (Senate, No. 83);

establishing a commission on the status of children and youth (Senate, No. 130);

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

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);

establishing tracking and reporting requirements for Massachusetts transportation fuels and associated greenhouse gas emissions (Senate, No. 604);

relative to stronger emissions limits (Senate, No. 607);

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. 2281);

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);

designating a certain bridge in the towns of Middleborough and Carver as the Medal of Honor Bridge (Senate, No. 2544);

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

Brain injury board.

Children and youth,--  
commission.

Disabled offenders,--  
commission.

Norfolk County,--  
hunger commission.

Rural policy.

Technology-enabled  
teaching.

ALAC,-- regulate.

Hunting noise,--  
commission.

Greenhouse gas  
emissions,-- tracking.

Emissions,--  
benchmarks.

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.

Middleborough and  
Carver,-- bridge.

Housing  
discrimination.

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

Automated decision-making.

supporting municipal light plants (Senate, No. 2716);

Municipal light plants.

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

Job retention,-- commission.

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

SBA,-- commission.

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

Provider reimbursement.

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

Higher Education Review Commission.

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

Refugee integration,-- commission.

On the Senate Resolves

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

Perinatal substance use,-- commission.

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

Home ownership,-- disparities.

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.

**Were severally recommitted to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

The Senate report 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,-- was considered, the question being on accepting the adverse report.

Greenhouse gas emissions,-- tracking.

**On motion of Mr. Brady, the further consideration thereof was postponed until Thursday, June 16.**

The Senate report of the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), 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,-- was considered, the question being on accepting the adverse report.

Emissions,-- benchmarks.

**On motion of Mr. Brady, the further consideration thereof was postponed until Thursday, June 16.**

The Senate report of the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2716) of Cynthia Stone Creem and Alice Hanlon Peisch for legislation to support municipal light plants,-- was considered, the question being on accepting the adverse report.

Municipal light plants.

**On motion of Mr. Brady, the further consideration thereof was postponed until Thursday, June 16.**

The Senate report of the committee on Transportation, ought NOT to pass (under

Middleborough and

Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2544) 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, - was considered, the question being on accepting the adverse report.

Carver,-- bridge.

**On motion of Mr. Brady, the further consideration thereof was postponed until Thursday, June 16.**

*Orders of the Day.*

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The Senate Bill regulating central service technicians (Senate, No. 1522),-- was read a second time.

Central service technicians.

After remarks, and pending the question on adoption of the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2913), and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting after section \_ the following section:-

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“SECTION\_ . Chapter 111, as appearing in the Massachusetts General Laws 2018 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after section 72BB the following new section:-

Section 72CC. (a) As used in this section the following words shall have the following meaning:- A certified medication aide means a staff member, who meets the eligibility requirements, has successfully completed the required training and competency testing developed by the Department of Public Health, and is considered competent to administer medications to residents in long-term care facilities.

(b) The Department shall create a program for the administration of medications in long-term care facilities by certified medication aides in consultation with all necessary and relevant appropriate agencies, and licensing boards, including, but not limited to, the board of registration in Nursing.

(c) The Department shall develop and approve training curricula, competency evaluation procedures, standards for qualifications of applicants for certification and monitoring and oversight requirements for participating long-term care facilities.

(d) The Department shall establish regulations that include: (1) provisions for continuing education requirements for certified medication aides; (2) requirements for re-certification of certified medication aides on a biennial basis; and (3) fees for the issuance of certification to certified medication aides.

(e) The Department shall allow for the creation of apprenticeship programs for currently employed resident care assistants (RCAs) and certified nurse aides (CNAs) to become certified medication aides.

(f) The Department may promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Rodrigues moved that the proposed new draft be amended in section 1, by inserting after the word “unless”, in line 19, the following words:- “, not more than 18 months after the date of hire,”; and by striking out section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

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“SECTION 2. An individual person employed to provide, or who has otherwise been contracted with to provide, services as a central service technician by a health care facility on or before the effective date of this act shall comply with the credential requirement under subsection (b) of section 244 of chapter 111 of the General Laws not later than 2 years after the effective date of this act.”

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Creem in the Chair, the Ways and Means amendment, as amended, was then adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2913, amended) was then ordered to a third reading and read a third time.

The question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at twenty-four minutes past two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Rush, as follows, to wit (yeas 39 – nays 0) [**Yeas and Nays No. 186**]:

**YEAS.**

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. – <b>39.</b>
Gobi, Anne M.	

**NAYS – 0.**

**The yeas and nays having been completed at twenty-eight minutes before three o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be engrossed [For text of Senate bill, printed as amended, see Senate, No. 2933].**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The House Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 4638),-- was read a second time.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Tarr moved to amend the bill by striking section 7 in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:-

“SECTION 7. Item 6921-2112 of said section 2I of said chapter 383, as amended by section 7 of chapter 25 of the acts of 2021, is hereby amended by inserting after the word ‘micro-mobility devices’ the following:- ‘improving handicap accessibility’ and by striking out the figure ‘\$50,000,000’ and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- ‘\$75,000,000.’”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved to amend the bill by striking section 7 in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:-

“SECTION 7. Item 6921-2112 of said section 2I of said chapter 383, as amended by section 7 of chapter 25 of the acts of 2021, is hereby amended by inserting after the word ‘electric vehicle charging stations’ the following:- ‘and electric vehicle charging

Municipal roads and bridges.

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infrastructure’ and by striking out the figure ‘\$50,000,000’ and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- ‘\$75,000,000’.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

**After remarks, the bill (House, No. 4638) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

*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 the general governmental infrastructure of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4807), to be reported by the committee on Ways and Means with a recommended new text Senate document numbered 2926, on Friday, June 10, 2022, and read into the Senate Journal on Monday, June 13, 2022, shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Thursday, June 16, 2022.

Procedural Order.

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 5:00 P.M, on Monday, June 13, 2022. All such amendments shall be second reading-amendments to the Senate Ways and Means new text (Senate, No. 2926), but further amendments in the third degree to such amendments shall be in order. The Clerk shall further specify the procedure and format for filing all amendments, consistent with this order.

After the bill as amended is ordered to a third reading, it shall immediately be read a third time and the question shall then immediately be on passing it to be engrossed, and no amendments shall be in order at the third reading of the bill unless recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

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

**The bill will be placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, June 16, 2022, for a second reading with the amendment pending.**

*Committee of Conference Report.*

Mr. Finegold, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the House amendments to the Senate Bill fostering voter opportunities, trust, equity and security (Senate, No. 2554) (*amended by the House* by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of House document numbered 4359),-- reported, a “Bill fostering voter opportunities, trust, equity and security” (Senate, No. 2924).

Voter opportunities.

Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Finegold, and the report was considered forthwith.

After debate and pending the question on acceptance of the report, Mr. Tarr offered an Order relative to requesting the opinions of the Honorable the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court on an important question of law relative to article CV of the Constitution and as to the constitutionality of Senate No. 2924, entitled “Bill fostering voter opportunities, trust, equity and security” (Senate, No. 2927).

Supreme Judicial Court,-- opinion.

The same Senator moved that the rules be suspended to consider the order forthwith.

After further debate, the question on suspension of the rules was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at ten minutes past three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, as follows, to wit (yeas 3 - nays 37) [**Yeas and Nays No. 187**]:

**YEAS.**

Fattman, Ryan C.  
O'Connor, Patrick M.

Tarr, Bruce E. – 3.

**NAYS.**

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.
Crichton, Brendan P.	Montigny, Mark C.
Cronin, John J.	Moore, Michael O.
Cyr, Julian	Moran, Susan L.
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.	Timilty, Walter F.
Friedman, Cindy F.	Velis, John C. – 37.
Gobi, Anne M.	

**The yeas and nays having been completed at twenty-one minutes past three o'clock P.M., the rules were not suspended, and the order (Senate, No. 2927) was referred to the committee on Rules.**

The question on acceptance of the report of the committee of conference was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at twenty-two minutes past three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Finegold, as follows, to wit (yeas 37 - nays 3) [**Yeas and Nays No. 188**]:

**YEAS.**

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.
Crichton, Brendan P.	Montigny, Mark C.
Cronin, John J.	Moore, Michael O.
Cyr, Julian	Moran, Susan L.
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.	Timilty, Walter F.
Friedman, Cindy F.	Velis, John C. – 37.
Gobi, Anne M.	

**NAYS.**

Fattman, Ryan C.	Tarr, Bruce E. – 3.
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O'Connor, Patrick M.

**The yeas and nays having been completed at twenty-nine minutes past three o'clock P.M., the report was accepted.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

*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 The Judiciary be granted until Thursday, June 30, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 117, 135, 1462, 1471, 1479, 1518, 1522, 1530, 1567, 1616, 1643, 1644, 1709, 1714, 1763, 1781, 1795, 1798, 1819, 1826, 1832, 1894, 1900, 1901, 1904, 1905, 1908, 1912, 3570, 4290, 4303, 4347 and 4444.

The Judiciary,--  
extension order.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Eldridge, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4711) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.**

*Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Transportation be granted until Friday, June 24, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2264, 2316 and 2346, and House documents numbered 3511, 3567, 3575, 3594 and 3736.

Transportation,--  
extension order.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Crighton, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4679) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.**

*Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Transportation be granted until Friday, June 24, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2340, and House document numbered 3403.

Id.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Crighton, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4689) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.**

*Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Transportation be granted until Friday, July 1, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2256, and House document numbered 3482.

Id.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Crighton, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4763) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.**

*Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Transportation be granted until Friday, July 1, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2255 and 2295, and House document numbered 3523.

Id.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Crighton, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4843) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.**

*Order Adopted.*

Mr. Barrett presented an Order relative to granting the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy until June 30, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2144, 2148, 2151, 2154, 2156, 2158, 2159, 2174, 2184, 2186, 2191, 2194, 2198, 2202, 2210, 2222, 2224, 2226, 2230, 2236, 2237, 2473,

Telecommunications,  
Utilities and Energy,-  
- extension.

2515, 2606 and 2840 relative to telecommunications, utilities and energy matters (Senate, No. 2910).

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Barrett, and, after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

*Order.*

The following House Order (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 Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy be granted until Thursday, June 30, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 602, 944, 2145, 2167, 3254, 3255, 3257, 3260, 3261, 3262, 3264, 3265, 3267, 3268, 3269, 3271, 3273, 3274, 3275, 3276, 3277, 3279, 3283, 3284, 3285, 3287, 3288, 3289, 3292, 3293, 3296, 3298, 3300, 3304, 3306, 3309, 3312, 3317, 3318, 3319, 3320, 3331, 3332, 3333, 3334, 3335, 3336, 3337, 3338, 3339, 3340, 3341, 3342, 3343, 3344, 3345, 3346, 3347, 3349, 3350, 3352, 3353, 3360, 3361, 3362, 3365, 3366, 3367, 3750, 3805, 3887, 3888, 3893, 4044, 4067, 4081, 4082, 4117, 4307, 4331, 4449, 4705 and 4730.

Telecommunications,  
Utilities and Energy,-  
- extension order.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Barrett, and the order (House, No. 4835) was considered forthwith.**

**After debate, the question of adoption of the order was determined by a standing vote, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and it was adopted, in concurrence by a vote of 2 to 1.**

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair, Ms. Chandler, the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Joseph M. Foley, Sr.

Moment of silence.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

*Ordered,* That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

*Adjournment in Memory of Joseph M. Foley, Sr.*

The Senator from Worcester, Ms. Chandler, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Joseph M. Foley, Sr.

Joseph M. Foley, Sr., 88, of Worcester, Massachusetts and Clearwater, Florida, retired Chief Court Officer of the Massachusetts State Senate, passed away on May 11, 2022, surrounded by his loving family after a lengthy and valiant battle with cancer.

He was born in Worcester on July 8, 1933, to Irish immigrant parents Timothy J. and Catherine (McMahon) Foley and spent his entire life living on Grafton Hill in Worcester.

The most important thing in his life was his love and devotion to his family. In 1952 he met the love of his life, Mary Ellen O'Loughlin, on New Year's Eve in downtown Worcester. From the moment he saw her he knew he would marry her, which they did in 1956, and would also raise their family in the Crow Hill area of Grafton Hill.

He started a successful career in government as a Senate Court Officer in 1959 which would span five decades on Beacon Hill, retiring in 1998 as Chief Court Officer of the Massachusetts State Senate. He presented many national and international dignitaries to the Senate throughout his career and was present at the House Rostrum when president-elect John F. Kennedy delivered his famous speech, "The City Upon a Hill" in January 1961.

Joe was loved as a mentor and friend to many in the State Senate. His enduring presence and knowledge of the Senate touched upon so many Senators and staff, most personally his granddaughter, Laura Paladino, who served as the Chief of Staff to Senate President Harriette L. Chandler.

Affectionately known as "Pops", Joe was a jovial and caring man and always tried to help anyone in need. He had an uncanny ability to understand people, a quick wit, and classic Irish humor. He was always ready to share a joke. He loved the Grafton Hill neighborhood in Worcester – to him, everything he needed was there. He loved the holidays, especially July 4th and the many neighborhood block parties over the years, and Christmas. He said there were no better songs than Bing Crosby's White Christmas and God Bless America. He loved vacationing on Cape Cod and wintering in Clearwater, Florida where he felt his best in the cold winter months.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, Mary Ellen (O'Loughlin) Foley; three cherished children, daughter Susan E. Foley, son Joseph M. Foley, Jr. and his wife Barbara, and daughter Maria E. Foley-Paladino and her husband Jay; six grandchildren, Shauna (Sullivan) Hoeffy and her husband Tom, Kara (Sullivan) Goodier and her husband Keith, Joseph P. Sullivan, III, Laura F. Paladino, Allie (Paladino) Ohannesian and her husband Al, and Steven Leavitt and his wife Kasey; and, six great-grandchildren, Dakota and Gabby Goodier, Shaelin Hoeffy, Camden and Rylan Leavitt, and Jenny Ohannesian, all of whom he loved beyond measure.

His enduring legacy will be deeply missed by so many who have worked in and around the Senate over the past six decades.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Joseph M. Foley, Sr, at five minutes past four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.