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Thursday, September 8, 2022.

Met at five 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).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Report.

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Sections 5, 20 and 21 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspection of Essex County Correctional Alternative Center (received September 7, 2022),-- was placed on file.

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD3272

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3114) of Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the increase of a tax exemption for eligible seniors in the town of Tewksbury [Local approval received]; and

Tewksbury,-- tax exemption.

By the same Senator, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3115) of Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the increase of a tax exemption for eligible veterans in the town of Tewksbury [Local approval received];

Id.

Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Revenue. Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on petition, a Bill naming a certain park in Cambridge the Richard McKinnon Park (Senate, No. 3103);

Cambridge,-- Richard McKinnon Park.

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

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on petition, a Bill prohibiting the application of fertilizer used in the town of Nantucket except for farming purposes (Senate, No. 3101) [Local approval received];

Nantucket,-- fertilizer application.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill authorizing the city of New Bedford to qualify city employees for certain death benefits when the cause of death is related to COVID-19 (Senate, No. 3104) [Local approval received]; and

New Bedford,-- death benefits.

By Mr. Hinds, for the committee on Revenue, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Nantucket to impose a real estate transfer fee for affordable and workforce housing and related capital improvements (Senate, No. 3102) [Local approval received];

Nantucket,-- real estate fee.

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

The following reports were placed in the Orders of the Day, the time within which the said committee was required to report having expired:

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Of the committee on Health Care Financing, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the

Senate Bills

To facilitate access to treatment (Senate, No. 1268);

To better coordinate suicide prevention services, behavioral health crisis care, and emergency services through 988 implementation (Senate, No. 1274);

Relative to harm reduction and racial justice (Senate, No. 1277);

To increase investment in behavioral health care in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 1287);

To improve access to behavioral health services (Senate, No. 1291);

Providing access to full spectrum addiction treatment services (Senate, No. 1292);

Allowing increased data access in opiate overdose reports (Senate, No. 1293);

Strengthening prescription drug safety and drug stewardship (Senate, No. 1294);

Regarding consistent care for addiction rooted in evidence (Senate, No. 1296);

Expanding access to patient centered care for opioid use disorder (Senate, No. 1304);

Relative to creating a pilot program to transfer high acuity behavioral health and dual diagnosis patients away from overcrowded emergency departments (Senate, No. 1311); and

Establishing a pilot program to improve behavioral health access through collaboration of municipal law enforcement and behavioral health specialists (Senate, No. 1315).

Treatment,-- access.
Suicide prevention,--
crisis hotline.

Harm reduction.
Behavioral health
care,-- investment.

Behavioral health
services,-- access.
Addiction,--
treatment access.

Opiate overdose,--
reports.

Prescription drug
safety.

Prisoners,-- opioid
treatment.

Opioid use,-- patient
care.

Behavioral health,--
pilot program.

Id.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointments by the Speaker:

Representatives Sabadosa of Northampton, Straus of Mattapoisett, and Williams of Springfield to the special commission established (under Section 60 of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2022) to the special commission to investigate and receive public testimony concerning public entities now in existence or that may be created by the statute with the ability to design, permit, construct, operate and maintain passenger rail service that meets the standards of at least one of the final alternatives set forth in the East-West Passenger Rail Study Final Report issued by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in January 2021.

East-West Rail
Commission.

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

Representative David Vieira of Falmouth has been appointed to serve as his designee on the special commission established (under Section 19 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2022) to study and report on a suitable memorial to be erected to commemorate Deborah Samson, the official heroine of the Commonwealth during the War of Independence.

Deborah Samson
Memorial
Commission.

A report of the Department of Energy Resources (under Section 10 of Chapter 25B of the General Laws) of the effectiveness of energy efficiency in the Commonwealth (a copy of the report was forwarded to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, as required by said law)-- **was read for its information and returned to the House to be placed on file.**

DOER,-- energy
report.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5278) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that Melanie Figueroa be authorized to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

Melanie Figueroa,--
civil service exam.

Bills

Exempting the deputy police chief of the town of Wrentham from the civil service law (House, No. 4451,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Wrentham,-- deputy
police chief.

Relative to the amendment of section 2-1(a) and section 7-4 of the Home Rule Charter of the city of Methuen (House, No. 4690,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Methuen,-- charter.

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

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Bedford as the Major Barry Allan Seidman, USAF Memorial Bridge (see House, No. 4446), 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 2 to 0.

Bedford,-- bridge
designation.

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

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Comerford) “congratulating the Conway School of Landscape Design, Inc. on its fiftieth anniversary”; and

Conway School of
Landscape Design.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Feeney) “congratulating the Fillmore-Nason Post No. 8049 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Inc. in the town of Norton on its seventy-fifth anniversary.”

Fillmore-Nason Post
No. 8049.

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 Senate Bill authorizing the town of Northfield to establish the Grandin Water District (Senate, No. 2938),-- was read a second time.

Northfield,-- Grandin
Water District.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Ms. Comerford presented an amendment substituting a new draft entitled “An Act authorizing the town of Northfield to establish the Grandin water district” (Senate, No. 3116).

The amendment was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 3116) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill changing the board of selectmen of the town of Shrewsbury to the select board (House, No. 5011),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Shrewsbury,-- board
of selectmen.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

The House Bill authorizing the division of capital asset management and maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land to the town of Danvers (House, No. 5162),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Danvers,-- land conveyance.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Newbury to the select board and amending certain transmittal requirements (see Senate, No. 2875) (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.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,

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

Time of meeting.

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