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Monday, October 17, 2022.

Met at ten 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.

Communication.

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 12(a) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting a status update on its filing of the fiscal year 2022 Statutory Basis Financial Report (SBFR) (received October 17, 2022),-- was placed on file.

CTR,-- FY22 SBFR status. SD3350

Reports.

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

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 2(c) of Chapter 35 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (SAECK) quarterly report (received October 13, 2022);

EOPSS,-- SAECK quarterly report. SD3346

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 Bridgewater State Hospital (received October 13, 2022);

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD3347

Report of the Tax Expenditure Review Commission (pursuant to Section 14(e) of Chapter 14 of the General Laws) submitting its June 2022 report on its review of tax expenditures (received October 14, 2022); and

TERC,-- June 2022 report. SD3348

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

DUA,-- UI trust fund report. SD3349

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing Right Whale Day (House, No. 3869,-- on petition),-- was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

Right Whale Day.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Dudley to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises (House, No. 5015,-- on Senate, No. 2556 and House, No. 4187) [Local approval received on Senate, No. 2556 and House, No. 4187]; and

Dudley,-- liquor licenses.

Relative to the employment contract for the director of public works in the town of Upton (House, No. 5191) [Local approval received];

Upton,-- public works.

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 authorizing the leasing of a certain parcel of land in the city of Gardner (see House, No. 4980), 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.

Gardner,-- land lease.

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

*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 Tewksbury to change the name of its Board of Selectmen to Select Board (Senate, No. 2593, changed),-- was read a third time.

Tewksbury,-- select board.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Finegold presented an amendment substituting a new draft entitled "An Act amending the charter of the town of Tewksbury to change the name of the board of selectmen to select board" (Senate, No. 3128).

**The amendment was adopted.**

**The bill (Senate, No. 3128) was then passed to be engrossed.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The Senate Bill providing for a gender-neutral charter in the City of Somerville (Senate, No. 2524),-- was read a third time.

Somerville,-- charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Jehlen presented an amendment substituting a new draft entitled "An Act providing for a gender-neutral charter in the city of Somerville" (Senate, No. 3129).

**The amendment was adopted.**

**The bill (Senate, No. 3129) was then passed to be engrossed.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

*Engrossed Bills.*

The following engrossed bills (all of 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. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Bills laid before the Governor.

Eliminating the requirement for the geriatric authority to make payment to the town of Milford in lieu of taxes (see House, No. 3023);

Changing the board of selectmen of the town of Milford to a select board (see House, No. 4556); and

Authorizing the town of Clinton to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4669).

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday

Time of meeting.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

next at eleven o'clock A.M.

On motion of Ms. Chandler, at twenty minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.