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Met at eleven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (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 Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Senator Lydia Edwards (pursuant to Chapter 76 of the Acts of 2022) to the Women's Rights History Task Force,-- was placed on file.

Women's Rights History Task Force.

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Sections 5, 20 and 21 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspections of MASAC at Plymouth, MCI Concord and Western Massachusetts Recovery and Wellness Center (received November 3, 2022);

DPH,-- facility inspections. SD3379

Report of the Department of Veterans' Services (pursuant to Section 12(b) of Chapter 115A of the General Laws) submitting its annual report on the state of the Commonwealth's two Soldiers' Homes (received November 4, 2022); and

DVS,-- soldiers' homes report. SD3380

Report of the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its financial statements and supplementary information for the year ended June 30, 2022 (received November 4, 2022).

MART,-- auditors' report. SD3382

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Representative John A. Lepper of Attleboro to another two-year term (under Section 69 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the Commission on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Commission.

A report of the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy that the communication from the Division of Energy Resources of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under the provisions of Section 12 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting amendments to 225 CMR 22.00 and 23.00, Stretch Energy Code Regulations (House, No. 5318),-- reported recommending that the same be placed on file,-- came from the House accepted by that branch.

DOER,-- renewable energy regulations.

Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted in concurrence.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5375) of David T. Vieira (by vote of the town) that the town of Bourne be authorized to establish a shellfish mitigation receipts

Bourne,-- shellfish mitigation fund.

reserved fund in said town,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill relative to cost-of-living adjustments for retirees (see House, No. 5124, amended), 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.

Retirees,-- COLA.

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

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 Nick Collins for legislation relative to pension parity.

Pension parity.
SD3315

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, 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.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Philip Cloutier, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (Senate, No. 3134);

Philip Cloutier,--
sick leave.

The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

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 authorizing the commissioner of the division of capital asset management to convey certain former Boston State Hospital land in the city of Boston (House, No. 4899),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Boston,-- land
conveyance.

The House Bill providing creditable service for fire department personnel in the city of Revere (House, No. 4572) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time.

Revere,-- fire
department.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Edwards presented an amendment in section 1, by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words "or permanent-intermittent service of certain public safety personnel in the city of Revere without payment for such creditable service" and inserting in place thereof the following words:-
" , permanent-intermittent or call service of certain fire safety personnel in the city of Revere, who became members of the Revere retirement system on or before February, 11, 2020, without payment for such creditable service"; and

In said section 1, by striking out the second sentence.

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 city known as the town of West Springfield to grant 7 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5253),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

West Springfield,--
liquor licenses.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill relative to cost-of-living adjustments for retirees (see House, No. 5124, amended) (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 re-enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Collins) and again laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill again laid before
the Governor.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Collins), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection in honor of those victims of gun violence in the city of Boston.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

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 twenty-five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.