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Thursday, October 6, 2022.

Met at ten minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Friedman in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Ms. Friedman) introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Father Gary Donegan and Reverend Bill Shaw, clergy members from Northern Ireland. They were recognized widely for their peace and reconciliation work leading up to and now in the wake of the historic Belfast Agreement, also known as the Good Friday Agreement, which marked the official end of the Troubles in Northern Ireland. They were meeting in Boston and Washington to discuss the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of that agreement, which takes place next year. They were accompanied by Fiona Calnan, also of Ireland, and were guests of the Auditor of the Commonwealth, Suzanne M. Bump. The group was welcomed with applause, they signed the guest book and withdrew from the Chamber.

Fr. Gary Donegan and Rev. Bill Shaw.

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 Senator Lydia Edwards (pursuant to Executive Order 535) to the Public Market Commission (received October 4, 2022);

Public Market Commission,-- appointment.

Communication from the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Section 81 of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) submitting a status report detailing the source of revenue matched to each item in said act for all expenditures made during the quarter ending September 30, 2022 (received October 4, 2022);

A&F,-- ARPA funds report. SD3332

Communication from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to item 7061-0028 of Section 2 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its fiscal year 2022 report on social emotional learning grants (received October 4, 2022);

DESE,-- learning grants report. SD3333

Communication from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (pursuant to item 4000-0300 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its quarterly pharmacy pipeline reports for July and October 2022 (received October 5, 2022); and

EOHHS,-- pharmacy pipeline reports. SD3334

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the NCCI Gardner inspection on September 6, 7 and 8, 2022 received October 5, 2022).

DPH,-- plan of correction. SD3335

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Transitional Assistance (pursuant to Section 2(B)(o) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2022 Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children Work Participation Report (copies having been forwarded as required to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and joint committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities) (received October 3, 2022);

DTA,-- TAFDC work report. SD3328

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Report of the Department of Transitional Assistance (pursuant to Section 5I(d) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2022 Prohibited Items and Locations Report (received October 3, 2022);

DTA,-- EBT prohibition report. SD3329

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 Barnstable County Correctional Facility (received October 3, 2022); and

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD3330

Report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to Section 37O(k) of Chapter 71 of the General Laws) submitting its 2022 annual report on bullying data for school years 2017-2018 (SY18), SY19, SY20 and SY21 (copies having been forwarded as required to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and joint committees on Education and the Judiciary) (received October 4, 2022).

DESE,-- bullying data report. SD3331

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill designating Domestic Workers' Rights Day (House, No. 3206,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

Domestic Workers' Rights Day.

Bills

Authorizing the elimination of the appointed tax collector/town clerk/treasurer in the town of Deerfield and the creation of an appointed town clerk and an appointed town treasurer-collector (House, No. 4846,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Deerfield,-- appointed positions.

Authorizing the Haverhill retirement board to grant creditable service to John Farrell (House, No. 5014,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Haverhill,-- John Farrell.

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

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Gobi) "congratulating Warren O. Thorell on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday."

Warren O. Thorell.

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 relative to the Ware Fire Department (House, No. 2774),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

Ware Fire Department.

The House Bill 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),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

Methuen,-- charter.

The House Bill relative to the amendment of section 2-8(b) and section 3-2(a) of the Home Rule Charter of the city of Methuen (House, No. 4779),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

Id.

The Senate Bill exempting Jesus Melendez from the maximum age requirement for firefighter in the town of North Andover (Senate, No. 3024),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading as follows: "An Act exempting Jesus Melendez from the maximum age requirement for appointment**

North Andover,-- Jesus Melendez.

as a firefighter in the town of North Andover”.
Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Plainville to grant an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4664),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading as follows: “An Act authorizing the town of Plainville to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises”.**

Plainville,-- liquor license.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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

Time of meeting.

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