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Met at four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M.

Students from the fifth grade class from the Oak Street Elementary School in Franklin led the President, members, guests and staff in the recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the President introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the 5th grade class from the Oak Street Elementary School in Franklin. The students were on a field trip to the State House learning about the different aspects of state government. They were also guests of Senator Rausch and Representative Roy of Franklin, both of whom addressed the students from the Rostrum. The students were welcomed with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Oak Street Elementary School.

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 Cindy Friedman (pursuant to Section 142 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) to the Restoration Center Commission in the former county of Middlesex (received November 18, 2022); and

Restoration Center Commission,-- appointment.

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plans of correction for the Dartmouth I.C.E. Facility, Dartmouth Women's Center and Bristol County Modular Building inspections on September 27, 2022 and Bristol County Jail and House of Correction inspection on September 27 and 28, 2022 (received November 17, 2022).

DPH,-- plans of correction. SD3397

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 inspection of Suffolk County House of Correction (received November 17, 2022); and

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD3398

Report of the Department of Early Education and Care (pursuant to Sections 3(g), 4, 5, 10 and 13(d) of Chapter 15D of the General Laws) submitting its 2021 annual report (received November 17, 2022).

EEC,-- 2021 annual report. SD3399

Petition.

Mr. Finegold presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Barry R. Finegold for legislation relative to school improvements in the town of Wilmington,-- and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Wilmington,-- school improvements. SD3401

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5391) of Hannah Kane, James B. Eldridge and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) that the town of Westborough be authorized to approve certain additional tax exemptions of qualifying senior residents;

Westborough,--
senior tax
exemptions.

To the committee on Revenue.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5392) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Northampton be authorized to require new and substantially remodeled or rehabilitated buildings to use electricity for all building energy needs;

Northampton,--
building standards.

To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Emergency Preamble.

Mr. Collins in the Chair, an engrossed Bill prohibiting license revocation for student loan default (see House, No. 4339, 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.

Student loans,--
license revocation.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Collins) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair) 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 Andover to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2854),-- was read a third time.

Andover,-- liquor
licenses.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Finegold presented an amendment substituting a new draft entitled "An Act authorizing the town of Andover to grant 7 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises" (Senate, No. 3139).

The amendment was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 3139) was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Clara Bett, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) (Senate, No. 3117),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Clara Bett,--
sick leave.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill amending the charter of the city of Methuen (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) (House, No. 4274),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Methuen,-- charter.

The House Bill relative to private street betterment assessments in the city of Worcester (House, No. 4327),-- **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**

Worcester,--
betterment
assessments.

changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: “An Act regulating private street betterment assessments in the city of Worcester”.

The House Bill relative to bidding requirements for a certain affordable housing project in the town of Acton (House, No. 5010),-- 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 to read as follows: “An Act exempting a certain affordable housing project in the town of Acton from public procurement laws”.

Acton,-- affordable housing.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Brittany S. Ketcham, an employee of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (House, No. 5376,-- on petition),-- was read.

Brittany S. Ketcham,-
- sick leave.

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.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5397) of Steven G. Xiarhos that John R. Stowe, Jr., be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board; and

John R. Stowe,--
- creditable service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5398) of Steven G. Xiarhos that Wayne A. Ellis be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board;

Wayne A. Ellis,--
- creditable service.

Severally, under suspension of Joint Rules 12 and 7A, to the committee on Public Service.

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), 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. Collins) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Bills laid before the
Governor.

Authorizing the select board of Easton to lease a certain parcel of land (see Senate, No. 3131);

Amending the charter of the city of Newburyport (see House, No. 3925);

Authorizing the town of West Stockbridge to continue the employment of Steven Traver (see House, No. 4297, amended);

Prohibiting license revocation for student loan default (see House, No. 4339, amended);

Relative to the preparation of certain bilingual ballots in the city of Malden (see House, No. 4793, amended); and

Providing for tenant member appointment to the board of the Needham Housing Authority (see House, No. 4964).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O’Connor,--

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

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at seven minutes before twelve o’clock noon, the

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Senate adjourned to meet again on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M