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Met at one minute 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.

Communications.

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

Communication from the Childhood Trauma Task Force (pursuant to Section 14 of Chapter 18C of the General Laws) submitting its report entitled "Identifying Childhood Trauma: Recommendations on Trauma Identification Practices in Child-Serving Organizations" (received November 23, 2022); and

CTTF,-- report. SD3406

Communication from the Department of Early Education and Care (pursuant to item 3000-6025 of Section 2 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its fiscal year 2022 report on the status of the Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative (CPPI) implementation activities (received November 23, 2022).

EEC,--FY22 CPPI report. SD3407

Report.

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 Western MA Women's Correctional Center and Bristol County Jail, Ash Street Facility (received November 21, 2022),-- was placed on file.

DPH,-- facility inspections. SD3402

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. DiZoglio, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3142) of Diana DiZoglio (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the reinstatement of positions in a departmental unit according to seniority for the city of Methuen [Local approval received]; and

Methuen,-- employees.

By the same Senator, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3143) of Diana DiZoglio (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the maximum age requirement for police officers for the city of Methuen [Local approval received];

Methuen,-- police officers.

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

By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ryan C. Fattman for legislation relative to defacing property,-- under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Property,-- defacing. SD3405

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5396) of Paul F. Tucker and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to preliminary election dates and filling vacancies in the offices of mayor and councillor in the city of Salem;

Salem,-- election dates and vacancies.

To the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5400) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and Brendan P. Crighton (by vote of the town) that the town of Lynnfield be authorized to provide for alternate members of the conservation commission of said town;

Lynnfield,--conservation commission.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

A Bill authorizing the city of Newton to lease the West Newton Armory for a term of years not exceeding 99 years (House, No. 5365, amended,-- on House, No. 5280) [Local approval received on House, No. 5280],-- was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Newton,--West Newton Armory.

A Bill authorizing the town of Montague to grant 1 additional liquor license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5252,-- on House, No. 4923) [Local approval received on House, No. 4923],-- was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Montague,-- liquor license.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Eldridge, Barrett and Brownsberger, Ms. Chang-Diaz, Ms. Comerford, Mr. Cyr, Ms. Friedman, Mr. Gomez, Ms. Jehlen, and Messrs. Lewis and Moore) "congratulating Prisoners' Legal Services of Massachusetts on its fiftieth anniversary."

Prisoners' Legal Services of Massachusetts.

Report of a Committee.

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The Senate Bill further regulating the Commission on Falls Prevention (Senate, No. 1446).

Falls prevention,--commission.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the bill 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 to read as follows: "An Act further regulating the commission on falls prevention".

Sent to the House for concurrence.

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 changing the board of selectmen of the town of Hanover to a select board (Senate, No. 3119),-- was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Hanover,-- select board.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Philip Cloutier, an employee of the department of mental health (Senate, No. 3134) (its title having been changed by the

Philip Cloutier,-- sick leave.

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committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill relative to representative town meeting in the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4988),-- 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 authorizing the town of Plymouth to hold remote representative town meetings".

Plymouth,-- hybrid town meeting.

The House Bill authorizing the Haverhill Retirement Board to grant credible service to John Farrell (House, No. 5014),-- 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 directing the Haverhill retirement board to grant creditable service to John Farrell".

Haverhill,-- John Farrell.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises (House, No. 5176),—was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Milford,-- liquor license.

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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:

Amending the charter of the city of Methuen (see House, No. 4274);

Bills laid before the Governor.

Regulating private street betterment assessments in the city of Worcester (see House, No. 4327);

Establishing the Framingham economic development corporation in the city of Framingham (see House, No. 4352, amended); and

Exempting a certain affordable housing project in the town of Acton from public procurement laws (see House, No. 5010).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

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 eight minutes past eleven o'clock A.M, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M