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Thursday, March 2, 2023.

Met at four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Mr. O'Connor for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. O'Connor then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Cohasset High School Skippers girls soccer team. The team was recognized for winning the MIAA Division 4 State Championship and for their hard work, resolve and constant dedication to their sport and teammates. Among the group was the Division 4 Player of the Year, Tess Barrett, who was congratulated for her 30-yard direct kick goal, Cat Herman, who was congratulated for her clean-up goal to make the score 2-0 and goaltender Tessa Curatola, who was recognized for the shutout. The Senate applauded the team's accomplishments and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Communications.

The following communications were severally received and placed on file, to wit: Communication from MassVentures (pursuant to Section 45B(b) of Chapter 75 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2023 report on the Innovation Commercialization Seed Fund (received February 28, 2023);

Communication from the Office of the Inspector General (pursuant to Section 72(e) of Chapter 22C of the General Laws) submitting its 2022 annual report of the Division of State Police Oversight (received March 1, 2023);

Communication from the Office of Medicaid (pursuant to item 4000-0500 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of Acts of 2022) submitting its report on the outcomes achieved by Accountable Care Organizations and community partners (received March 1, 2023); and

Communication from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (pursuant to item 4000-0005 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its fiscal year 2022 Safe and Successful Youth Initiative (SSYI) report (received March 2, 2023).

Reports.

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

Report of the Multi-Agency Illegal Tobacco Task Force (pursuant to Section 40(d) of Chapter 64C of the General Laws) submitting its 2022 annual report (received February 28, 2023);

Report of the Attorney General's Fair Labor Division (pursuant to item 0810-0045 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its 2022 report on enforcement actions and violation trends within the construction industry (received March 1, 2023);

Report of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (pursuant to item 1790-3009 of Section 2 of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its sixth quarterly report on the deployment of an online delivery system for unemployment

Cohasset High School girls soccer team.

MassVentures,-- ICS Fund report. SD2475

OIG,-- DSPO report. SD2480

Medicaid,-- ACO report. SD2487

EOHHS,-- SSYI report. SD2488

ITTF,-- annual report. SD2476

AGO,-- construction industry report. SD2477

EOLWD,-- online UI report. SD2482

insurance compensation benefits (received March 1, 2023);

Report of MassDevelopment (pursuant to Section 45C(b) of Chapter 75 of the General Laws) submitting its fifth annual report of the Innovation Voucher Program Fund (received March 1, 2023); and

Report of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance (pursuant to item 7004-0104 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its progress report on the Home and Healthy for Good program (received March 1, 2023).

Report of the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (under the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its forty-sixth annual report (Senate, No. 22) (received March 1, 2023),-- was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the House for concurrence.

Petition.

Mr. Fattman presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ryan C. Fattman and Marcus S. Vaughn for legislation relative to MSBA school funding increases for technical schools,-- and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Messages were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows:

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to creating tax relief for affordability, competitiveness and equity (House, No. 42);

To the committee on Revenue.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting (under Article LXXXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution) Reorganization Plan #1 of 2023, relative to creating the executive office of housing and livable communities and to rename the Executive Office of Economic Development (House, No. 43);

To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

A Bill making appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2023 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 58,-- on House, No. 47, in part),-- was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "commending Mr. Theodore J. Flynn upon his retirement after decades of dedicated service to the town of Duxbury";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Joshua Malloy on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Griffin Woolley on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout"; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Oliveira) "congratulating Lodge 2448 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in the town of Ludlow on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of its founding."

Order Adopted.

MassDev,-- IVPF report. SD2483

MHSA,-- HHG report. SD2486

MCRC,-- 46th annual report.

MSBA,-- funding study. SD2485

Tax relief.

Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2023.

Supplemental appropriations.

Mr. Theodore J. Flynn.

Joshua Malloy.

Griffin Woolley.

Lodge 2448 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

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

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at seven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.