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**THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023**

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Thursday, May 11, 2023.

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

The Chair (Mr. Collins), 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. Collins) handed the gavel to Mr. O'Connor for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. O'Connor then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Harrison Arnold from Hingham and Chase Janes from Marshfield. Harrison and Chase are both juniors at Thayer Academy, proud athletes, and have shown interest in civics and community involvement. They were on a tour of the State House and learning about the different aspects of state government. The Senate welcomed them with applause, and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Harrison Arnold and Chase Janes.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Collins) introduced, seated in the Senate Gallery, members of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Massachusetts, the Boston Society of Civil Engineers Section and the Massachusetts Association of Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers. They were the guests of Senator Collins.

MA Engineers.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Collins) handed the gavel to Mr. Timilty for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Timilty then introduced, on the Rostrum, Mike Sample and Tom Rich, members of the Boston Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals. They were visiting the State House in recognition of North American Occupational Safety and Health Week and Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day. The Senate welcomed them with applause, they were presented with Joint Resolutions, and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Mike Sample and Tom Rich.

Reports.

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 May 9, 2023),-- was placed on file.

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD2604

Petition.

Ms. Creem presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation relative to intervenors and utility work,-- and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches acting concurrently.

Utility work,-- intervenors. SD2603

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 3901),-- ought to pass, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and

General appropriations bill.

inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3.

[Direct Appropriation: .....\$55,111,288,700  
Retained Revenue Authorization: .....\$737,751,186  
Total: .....\$55,849,039,886]

**Pursuant to an order previously adopted, the bill was placed in the Orders of the Day for Tuesday, May 23, 2023, for a second reading with the amendment pending.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Representative Michael Kushmerek of Fitchburg has been appointed to serve as his designee on the special commission established (under Section 42 of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023) to investigate and study the promotion and celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the American Revolution.

250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Revolution commission.

The following petitions, having been timely filed by five o'clock P.M. on January 20, 2023, were referred in concurrence as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3831) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf for legislation to establish a Commonwealth internet service provider to be known as Commonwealth ISP;

Public internet service.

**To the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3832) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to changing Mass Health estate recoup for people with disabilities beyond age 55;

MassHealth,-- estate recoup.

**To the committee on Health Care Financing.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3833) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to technical assistance for municipalities through the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program;

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Prgrm.

**To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3834) of Rob Consalvo relative to the operation of off-highway vehicles;

Off-highway vehicles,-- safety.

**To the committee on Transportation.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3835) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco for legislation to include certain members of the National Guard in the definition of veterans;

Veteran,-- definition.

**To the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.**

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Eldridge) "commending the Fibromuscular Dysplasia Society of America on recognizing the month of May 2023 as Fibromuscular Dysplasia Awareness Month";

Fibromuscular Dysplasia Society of America.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) "commending the Rotary Club of Danvers on its one hundredth anniversary";

Rotary Club of Danvers.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Moran) "commending the Falmouth Community Television Corporation, Inc. on its thirtieth anniversary";

FCTV Corporation, Inc.

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

Nate Corkhum.

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

Connor Goodwin.

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

Johnny Pozerski.

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

Aiden Roberge.

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

James White.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tarr) "congratulating the Rotary Club of Gloucester on its one hundredth anniversary";

Rotary Club of Gloucester.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tarr) "congratulating the Rotary Club of Ipswich-Rowley on its one hundredth anniversary";

Rotary Club of Ipswich-Rowley.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tarr) "congratulating the Rotary Club of Newburyport on its one hundredth anniversary";

Rotary Club of Newburyport.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Timilty, Collins, Rush, Barrett, Brady, Cyr, DiDomenico, Eldridge and Feeney, Ms. Gobi, Ms. Jehlen, Messrs. Keenan, Kennedy, and Lewis, Ms. Lovely, Messrs. Moore, O'Connor, Oliveira, and Payano, Ms. Rausch and Mr. Velis) "commending the Greater Boston Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals on its recognition of North American Occupational Safety and Health Week and Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day"; and

Greater Boston Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Velis) "commending Meghan's Light, Inc. on its recognition of the month of May 2023 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month."

Meghan's Light, Inc.

*Report 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 Joan B. Lovely for legislation relative to the well-being of new mothers and infants.

Mothers and infants,-  
- well-being.  
SD2597

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Timilty, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

*Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.*

There being no objection, the following matter was 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. 1302),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

Hanover,-- select board.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3837) of Sarah K. Peake relative to accidental disability retirement for William Little, a police officer of the town of Chatham, from the Barnstable County Retirement Association;

Chatham,-- Officer William Little.

**Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3838) of Sarah K. Peake for legislation to designate a portion of state highway Route 28 in the town of Harwich as the Alphonso Palmer Rogers highway;

Harwich,-- Alphonso Palmer Rogers highway.

**Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Transportation.**

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

*Ordered,* That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday

Time of meeting.

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next at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

On motion of Mr. Keenan, at a quarter past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.