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Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

Met at five 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. Timilty for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Timilty then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, a group of girl scouts representing Troops 70779 and 67874 from Stoughton. Among the group were: Annabelle Dorinvil, Samantha Armand, Alayshia Allen, Elsie McEachern, Jocelyn Struck, Frances Spears, Eliana Pimentel and Keira Dacey. The scouts were led by Troop Leaders Jennifer Sears and Lauren Spears. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber. They were accompanied by Representatives Galvin of Canton and Phillips of Sharon.

Girl Scout Troops 70779 and 67874.

Report.

Report of the Department of Economic Research (pursuant to Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the May 2023 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund report (received June 15, 2023),-- was placed on file.

DER,-- UI trust fund report. SD2659

Petition.

Mr. O'Connor presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2407) of Patrick M. O'Connor and Joan Meschino (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the provisions of Chapter 381 of the Acts of 2020 to continue the town of Hingham senior means-tested property tax exemption [Local approval received];

Hingham,-- tax exemption.

Referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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. 3917) of Josh S. Cutler and Vanna Howard for legislation to establish a blockchain-based limited liability company;

Blockchain-based,-- LLC.

To the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3918) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian and Jason M. Lewis relative to the composition of the boards of registrars of voters;

Voters,-- boards of registrars.

To the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3919) of Jennifer Balinsky Armini relative to boat wrap recycling;

Boat wrap,-- recycling.

To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3920) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian and Jason M. Lewis relative to PANDAS/PANS screening in medical/clinical settings;

PANDAS/PANS,-- screening.

To the committee on Financial Services

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3921) of Brandy Fluker Oakley relative to establishing a commission to study and develop proposals for lineage-based reparations programs in the Commonwealth;

Lineage-based reparations programs.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3922) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian relative to preventing false confessions;

False confessions,-- prevention.

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3923) of William J. Driscoll, Jr., that zoning ordinances in MBTA communities require certain housing be located within high-capacity public transportation areas;

MBTA communities,-- zoning ordinances.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3924) of Marcus S. Vaughn that cities and towns and schools be required to provide and maintain automated external defibrillators at athletic fields, parks and playgrounds;

AED's,-- athletic fields.

To the committee on Public Health.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3925) of David Allen Robertson relative to work hours for state retirees;

State retirees,-- work hours.

To the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3926) of David Allen Robertson relative to veteran disability benefits;

Veterans,-- disability benefits.

To the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3928) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Chesterfield to continue the employment of reserve special police officer Greg Smith,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

Chesterfield,-- special police.

Resolutions.

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

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

Rotary Club of Danvers.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Moran) “congratulating the Plymouth public library on the thirty-fourth anniversary of its literacy program.”

Plymouth public library.

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 John F. Keenan and Robert Joseph Jaruse for legislation relative to lot rent abatement for veterans.

Veterans,-- rent abatement. SD2576

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

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 House Bill authorizing the town of Berlin to grant up to two additional all alcoholic beverages licenses not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 345),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

Berlin,-- liquor licenses.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the town of Mansfield to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3828,-- on House, No. 250) [Local approval received on House, No. 250],-- was read.

Mansfield,-- liquor license.

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. 3932) of James K. Hawkins and Steven George Xiarhos relative to liability for damage caused by dogs;

Dog ownership,-- damage liability.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3933) of Bud L. Williams for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Maritza Miranda, an employee of the Department of Children and Families;

Maritza Miranda,-- sick leave.

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

The House Bill to improve the Commonwealth's competitiveness, affordability, and equity (House, No. 3770),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had NON-concurred in the Senate amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2406, and had asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Representative Michlewitz of Boston, Cusack of Braintree and Soter of Bellingham have been appointed the committee on the part of the House.

Tax relief and policy.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, the Senate insisted on its amendment and concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference; and Senators Rodrigues, Moran and Tarr were appointed on the part of the Senate.

The bill was returned to the House endorsed accordingly.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

Ordered, That, when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

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