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**THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023**

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Thursday, June 22, 2023.

Met at ten minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Moran 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 (Ms. Moran), 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 Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Senator Paul W. Mark (pursuant to Section 66 of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) to the Rural Policy Advisory Commission; and

Rural Policy Advisory Commission.

Communication from the Department of Public Health submitting its Arbovirus Weekly Report for the week of June 20, 2023 (received June 20, 2023).

DPH,-- arbovirus report. SD2662

Petition.

Ms. Friedman (by request) presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Eliza Coady Perez, Susan Perkins and Ann Marie Faust for legislation to improve student and staff attendance and performance by ensuring CO2 monitoring in schools throughout the Commonwealth,-- and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Schools,-- CO2 monitoring. SD2663

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3934) of Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) that the affordable housing trust of the town of Orleans be authorized to provide for the creation and preservation of attainable housing;

Orleans,-- affordable housing.

To the committee on Housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3935) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and Mark C. Montigny (with the approval of mayor and city council) that the city of New Bedford be authorized to grant a utility easement to the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth;

New Bedford,-- land.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

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 House 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),-- was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mansfield,-- liquor license.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for David Benway, an employee of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy (House, No. 3739, amended),-- was read a third time

David Benway,-- sick leave.

and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

*Emergency Preamble Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Amelia Alex, an employee of the department of children and families (see Senate, No. 2383), 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.

Amelia Alex,--  
sick leave.

**The bill was signed by the Acting President (Ms. Moran) and sent to the House for enactment.**

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Barrett) “commending the Friends of Roberts Field Inc. on their recognition of June 16, 2023 to June 30, 2023 as Junie’s Joy Campaign”;

Friends of Roberts  
Field Inc.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Edwards) “commending the Massachusetts Sickle Cell Association, Inc. for recognizing June 19, 2023 as World Sickle Cell Awareness Day”; and

MA Sickle Cell  
Association, Inc.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Feeney) “congratulating Boy Scout Troop 17 on their 100th anniversary of chartering.”

Boy Scout Troop 17.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3939) of James J. O’Day relative to the mental well-being of new mothers facing criminal charges;

New mothers and  
infants,-- well-being.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3940) of James K. Hawkins relative to zoning ordinances in MBTA communities;

Manufactured home  
parks,-- zoning.

**Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

*Emergency Preamble Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for David Benway, an employee of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy (see House, No. 3739, 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.

David Benway,--  
sick leave.

**The bill was signed by the Acting President (Ms. Moran) and sent to the House for enactment.**

*Engrossed Bills.*

The following engrossed bills (the first 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 (Ms. Moran) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

Establishing a sick leave bank for Amelia Alex, an employee of the department of children and families (see Senate, No. 2383);

Establishing a sick leave bank for David Benway, an employee of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy (see House, No. 3739, amended);

Authorizing the town of Wakefield to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (see House, No. 3807, amended); and

Authorizing the town of Mansfield to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 3828).

Bills laid before the Governor.

*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., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

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