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Met at twenty-three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Jehlen in the Chair).

The Chair (Ms. Jehlen), 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 Joanne M. Comerford (pursuant to Section 94 of Chapter 358 of the Acts of 2020, as amended by Section 74 of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023) to conduct an investigation and study regarding the needs of agriculture in the commonwealth; and

Agriculture
commission,--
appointment.

Communication from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (pursuant to item 4000-0300 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its quarterly pharmacy pipeline report for July 2023 (received July 3, 2023).

EOHHS,-- pharmacy
pipeline report.
SD2674

Reports.

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

Report of the Massachusetts State Police (pursuant to Section 131Q of Chapter 140 of the General Laws) submitting its 2022 crime gun report and a copy of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's 2022 recovery of crime guns report (received June 29, 2023); and

MSP,-- crime gun
reports.
SD2669

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 Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center (received June 30, 2023).

DPH,-- facility
inspection.
SD2671

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Julian Cyr for legislation relative to free expression; and

Free expression.
SD2673

By Mr. Payano, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Pavel M. Payano for legislation to advance fairness, integrity, and excellence in higher education admissions;

Higher education,--
admissions.
SD2670

Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Oliveira, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill authorizing the County Commissioners of Dukes County to appoint a treasurer who may not be a resident of the county (Senate, No. 1288) [Representative DuBois of Brockton dissenting];

Dukes County,--
treasurer.

Read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

By Mr. Oliveira, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Wales to establish a department of public works (Senate, No. 1297) [Local approval received]; and

Wales,-- public works.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1317 and House, No. 2074, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Marshfield (Senate, No. 1317) [Local approval received];

Marshfield,-- charter.

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following Joint standing committee changes by the Speaker:

Representative Reyes of Lawrence had been relieved of duty (at their own request) from the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets and that Representative John Francis Moran of Boston had been appointed to the 10th position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets,-- appointment.

Representative Shand of Newburyport had been relieved of duty (at their own request) from the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities and that Representative John Francis Moran of Boston had been appointed to the 9th position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities,-- appointment.

Representative Philips of Sharon had been relieved of duty (at their own request) from the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses and that Representative MacGregor of Boston had been appointed to the 9th position on said committee to fill the vacancy; and

Community Development and Small Businesses,-- appointment.

Representative Kerans of Danvers had been relieved of duty (at their own request) from the committee on Election Laws and that Representative John Francis Moran of Boston had been appointed to the 9th position on said committee to fill the vacancy.

Election Laws,-- appointment.

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. 3953) of Michelle M. DuBois and Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., for legislation to establish a publicly owned and administered trust fund for receipt of reasonable mortgage payments; and

Mortgage payments,-
- trust fund.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3954) of Michelle M. DuBois relative to shared appreciation mortgage loans;

Mortgages,-- regulations.

Severally to the committee on Financial Services.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3955) of Russell E. Holmes, Liz Miranda and Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to provide for second look review of the sentences of certain incarcerated persons;

Sentence review,-- incarcerated persons.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3956) of Russell E. Holmes, Liz Miranda and others for legislation to authorize an independent correctional oversight office to facilitate the recommendations of the Special Legislative Commission on Structural Racism in Correctional Facilities of the Commonwealth; and

Commission on Racism in Correctional Facilities,-- oversight.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3957) of Russell E. Holmes relative to compensation for erroneous felony convictions;

Felony conviction,-- compensation.

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3958) of Russell E. Holmes relative to parking with auction dealer license plates;

Auction dealer plates,-- parking.

To the committee on Transportation.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3959) of Daniel R. Carey and John C. Velis (with the approval of the mayor and the city council) for legislation to amend the charter of the city of Easthampton;

Easthampton,--
charter.

To the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3937) of William C. Galvin and Paul R. Feeney (by vote of the town) that the town of Canton be authorized to grant easements of certain land of said town situated in the town of Stoughton for highway purposes; and

Canton easements.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3960) of Aaron L. Saunders and Jacob R. Oliveira (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish the position of town manager in the town of Belchertown;

Belchertown,-- town
manager.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3961) of Todd M. Smola and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (by vote of the town) relative to exempting Eric Robert Esteves from the maximum age requirements for police officers in the town of Ware;

Ware,-- Eric Robert
Esteves.

To the committee on Public Service.

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 for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jason Barone-Cichocki, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Jason Barone-
Cichocki,-- sick
leave.
SD2665

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3965) of Rob Consalvo that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be authorized to erect a bench in the Hyde Park neighborhood of the city of Boston in honor of Rita Walsh;

Hyde Park,-- Rita
Walsh bench.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3966) of Denise C. Garlick and Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Thomas Hartley, an employee of the Department of Correction;

Thomas Hartley,--
sick leave.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3967) of Joan Meschino and others for legislation to promote the development of clean energy;

Solar energy,--
deployment.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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