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Monday, July 17, 2023.

Met at thirteen 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.

Communications.

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

Communication from the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Section 81 of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) submitting a status report detailing the source of revenue matched to each item in said act for all expenditures made during the quarter ending June 30, 2023 (received July 13, 2023); and

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the MCI Framingham inspection on May 15 and 16, 2023 (received July 14, 2023).

A&F,-- ARPA funds report. SD2698

DPH,-- plan of correction. SD2699

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Environmental Protection (pursuant to Section 3(H) of Chapter 21I of the General Laws) submitting its 2021 annual report on toxics use reduction (received July 13, 2023); and

Report of the Department of Economic Research (pursuant to Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the June 2023 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund report (received July 14, 2023).

MassDEP,-- TUR annual report. SD2696

DER,-- UI trust fund report. SD2700

Petition.

Mr. Oliveira presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jacob R. Oliveira and Brian M. Ashe for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Rene Perez, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services,-- and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Rene Perez,--sick leave. SD2697

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. 3990) of Marcus S. Vaughn for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the creation of a state-wide licensing board to license, prosecute and hold accountable club sports facilities; and

Club sports,-coaching staff.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3993) of Mindy Domb, Andres X. Vargas and others relative to farm and school partnerships in school meals;

School meals.

Severally to the committee on Education.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3983) of Josh S. Cutler, Kathleen R. LaNatra and Susan L. Moran (by vote of the town) for legislation to further regulate the recall of elected officials in the town of Pembroke;

Pembroke,-- elected officials.

To the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3984) of Josh S. Cutler, David F. DeCoste and Michael D. Brady (by vote of the town) for legislation to enhance enforcement in building and permitting compliance in the town Hanson;

Hanson,-- licenses and permits.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3985) of Kimberly N. Ferguson (by vote of the town) that the town of Rutland be authorized to establish an appointed town clerk in said town; and

Rutland,-- town clerk.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3986) of Michael J. Soter and Joseph D. McKenna (by vote of the town) relative to changing the name of the board of selectmen to select board in the town of Uxbridge;

Uxbridge,-- board of selectmen.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3987) of Ruth B. Balser, Cynthia Stone Creem and Kay Khan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to retired fire fighters in the city of Newton;

Newton,-- retired firefighters.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3988) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Charlemont be authorized to continue the employment of fire department member Dennis Annear; and

Charlemont,-- Dennis Annear employment.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3989) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Rowe be authorized to continue the employment of fire department member Dennis Annear;

Rowe,-- Dennis Annear employment.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

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. 3994,-- on House, No. 3869, in part),-- was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Supplemental appropriations.

A Bill exempting the position of police chief in the town of Lancaster from the provisions of the civil service law (House, No. 2571,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Lancaster,-- police chief.

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 establishing a sick leave bank for William Donahue, an employee of the trial court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3778, amended),-- was read third a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

William Donahue,--sick leave.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jason Barone-Cichocki, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Senate, No. 2414);

Jason Barone-Cichocki,-- sick leave.

The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

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PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Thomas Hartley, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 3966,-- on petition),-- was read.

Thomas Hartley,--sick leave.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

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.

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