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Thursday, July 20, 2023.

Met at eleven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger 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 (Mr. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Department of Public Health submitting its Arbovirus Weekly Report for the week of July 17, 2023 (received July 18, 2023),-- was placed on file.

DPH,-- arbovirus report. SD2704

Reports.

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

Report of the Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council (pursuant to Section 2DDDDD of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2023 annual report (received July 17, 2023);

TRCC,-- annual report. SD2701

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 MCI Shirley (received July 18, 2023); and

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD2702

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting its 2020 annual report on birth data and statistics (received July 17, 2023).

DPH,-- birth report. SD2703

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Transportation, on petition, a Bill facilitating better interactions between police officers and persons with autism spectrum disorder (Senate, No. 2204);

Persons with autism,- - police interaction.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill a relative to gender identity on Massachusetts identification (Senate, No. 2207);

ID card,-- gender identity.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to provide identification to youth and adults experiencing homelessness (Senate, No. 2251);

Real ID,-- homeless individuals.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to ensure benefits through enhanced Selective Service registration (Senate, No. 2281); and

Selective service registration.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the orange line extension (Senate, No. 2290);

Orange line extension,-- study.

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4000) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and Walter F. Timilty for legislation to establish a local option municipal excise tax on certain unused utility corridors;

Unused utility corridors,-- excise tax.

To the committee on Revenue.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3996) of David Paul Linsky (by vote of the town) for legislation to further regulate the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises of clubs or veterans' organizations in the town of Natick; and

Natick,-- liquor licenses.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4001) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) that the town of Weston be authorized to grant a license for the sale of wines and malt beverages at a food store in said town;

Weston,-- liquor license.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3997) of Denise C. Garlick (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the town of Needham;

Needham,-- charter.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3998) of James C. Arena-DeRosa (by vote of the town) that the town of Holliston be authorized to continue the employment of Mark Dellicker as deputy fire chief of said town notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Holliston,-- Mark Dellicker.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3999) of Denise C. Garlick (by vote of the town) that town of Needham be authorized to exempt all positions in the fire department of said town from certain provisions of the civil service law;

Needham,-- fire department.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

A Bill authorizing the town of Shrewsbury to grant abatement of real estate taxes for the daughter of fallen firefighter Christopher Roy (House, No. 3906,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Shrewsbury,-- Christopher Roy.

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for William Donahue, an employee of the trial court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 3778, 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.

William Donahue,-- sick leave.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) 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. Tarr) "congratulating the Gloucester Fraternity Club on the one hundredth anniversary of its establishment"; and

Gloucester Fraternity Club.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Timilty) "congratulating Alan and Estelle Wenson on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding."

Alan and Estelle Wenson.

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 Bruce E. Tarr, Patrick M. O'Connor and Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to promote public payroll transparency.

Payroll transparency.
SD2638

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 State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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 authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the town of Charlton (Senate, No. 2416),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

Charlton,-- police officers.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4004) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., for legislation to establish an income tax credit for zero-emission and hybrid mobile machinery;

Hybrid machinery,-- income tax credit.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4005) of James K. Hawkins and others for legislation to encourage the improvement of free libraries and library systems;

Libraries,-- improvement.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for William Donahue, an employee of the trial court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 3778, amended) (which originated in the House), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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 twenty minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.