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Thursday, August 24, 2023.

Met at twelve minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Jehlen 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. 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 Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the Franklin County Jail and House of Correction inspection on June 28, 2023 (received August 21, 2023);

DPH,-- plan of correction. SD2733

Communication from the Department of Public Health submitting its Arbovirus Weekly Report for the week of August 21, 2023 (received August 22, 2023); and

DPH,-- arbovirus report. SD2734 EOHHS,-- SUD Trust Fund report. SD2736

Communication from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (pursuant to Section 2YYYY of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report on a detailed accounting of all monies transferred, credited or deposited into the Substance Use Disorder Federal Reinvestment Trust Fund (received August 23, 2023).

Report.

Report of the Cape and Islands District Attorney (pursuant to Section 24W(e) of Chapter 90 and Section 47(d) of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2023 annual reports relative to motor vehicle forfeiture funds and drug rehabilitation, drug education and other anti-drug or neighborhood crime watch programs (received August 22, 2023),-- **was placed on file.**

Cape and Islands DA,-- reports. SD2735

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Kennedy, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Edward J. Kennedy for legislation relative to the University of Massachusetts and a certain easement located in the city of Lowell; and

Lowell,-- real property. SD2731

By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael F. Rush and William F. MacGregor for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Erin Keel, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services;

Erin Keel,-- sick leave. SD2732

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4064) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Bernardston be authorized to continue the employment of Peter Shedd as fire chief of said town,-- **was referred, in concurrence,**

Bernardston,-- Fire Chief Peter Shedd.

to the committee on Public Service.

A Bill relative to the appointment of a commissioner of health and human services in the city of Brockton (House, No. 3824,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Brockton,-- HHS commissioner.

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jody Ricketson, an employee of the department of children and families (see Senate, No. 2433), 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.

Jody Ricketson,-- sick leave.

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

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees of Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Paul R. Feeney and William Francis Galvin for legislation to protect seniors and adults with disabilities from financial exploitation.

Seniors,-- financial exploitation. SD2681

The rules were 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 Elder Affairs.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees of Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of John J. Cronin for legislation relative to modernizing Chapter 115.

Veterans benefits,-- modernization. SD2587

The rules were 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 Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

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 Lanesborough to continue the employment of Daniel Bolognia, Charles Garrity, Peter Pannesco, Peter Oakley, David Rolle, Donald Whalen and Michael Wooliver as firefighters (House, No. 2435),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Lanesborough,-- firefighters.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Hancock to continue the employment of firefighters and the police chief (House, No. 2437, amended) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Hancock,-- police chief and firefighters.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4065) of Daniel J. Ryan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to improve and modernize planning and community development in the city of Boston;

Boston,-- community development.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4066) of Kay Khan relative to pharmacists as healthcare providers;

Pharmacists,--
healthcare providers.

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

Engrossed Bills.

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

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jody Ricketson, an employee of the department of children and families (see Senate, No. 2433); and

Bills laid before the
Governor.

Providing for certain retirement benefits for the surviving beneficiary of Robert Lawler (see House, No. 2649).

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