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Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

Met at eleven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Moran in the Chair).

The Chair (Ms. Moran), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Report.

Report of the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (pursuant to Section 12 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its 2023 annual report on the current status of said corporation (received September 5, 2023),-- was placed on file.

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:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4078) of Michelle M. DuBois relative to creating a Chapter 62F calculations study group of fiscal harms caused by excluding new local tax revenue from "allowable state tax revenue" calculations and other such calculations;

To the committee on Revenue.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4073) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) that the town of Williamstown be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises in said town;

To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4074) of Erika Uyterhoeven (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to establish a program to provide certain tenants and entities the right to purchase the residential property in which the tenants reside when that residential property is being offered for sale;

To the committee on Housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4075) of Michael S. Day (by vote of the town) that the town of Stoneham be authorized to change the terms of the elected office of moderator for said town;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4076) of Jay D. Livingstone (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to increase the size of the Historic Beacon Hill District; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4077) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Nantucket be authorized to transfer a certain parcel of conservation land to the Nantucket Islands Land Bank;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Resolutions.

Pledge of allegiance.

MCRC,-- annual report. SD2742

Local tax revenue,-calculations.

Williamstown,-liquor license.

Somerville,-- tenant right to purchase.

Stoneham,-- town moderator.

Historic Beacon Hill District.

Nantucket,-land transfer.

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Eldridge and Fattman) "congratulating State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey on his retirement"; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "commending the Veterans Suicide Awareness & Remembrance Flag Corp. for its recognition of September 22, 2023 as Veteran Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Day."

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 Edward J. Kennedy for legislation relative to the University of Massachusetts and a certain easement located in the city of Lowell.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, 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.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Bill relative to the board of selectmen in the town of Westport (House, No. 3751,-on petition) [Local approval received];

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

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 Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Mathew Blazes, an employee of the Worcester county sheriff's office (Senate, No. 2386) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill further regulating certain alcoholic beverage licenses in the town of Hudson (House, No. 320) (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.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

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.

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

Peter Ostroskey.

Veterans Suicide Awareness & Remembrance Flag Corp.

Lowell,-- real property. SD2731

Westport,-- board of selectmen.

Matthew Blazes,-sick leave.

Hudson,-- liquor license.

Time of meeting.