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

Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Timilty) handed the gavel to Mr. Tarr for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Tarr then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, a group of students from a political science class at Merrimack College. The students were on a field trip to the State House learning about the different aspects of state government. Among the group was Caesar Paglia, the son of Senator Tarr's Chief of Staff, A.J. The students were led by Professor Matthew Cohen and were also guests of Senator Finegold. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Merrimack College students.

Communication.

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plans of correction for the Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction and Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction, Pre-Release Center inspections on October 13, 2023 (received November 3, 2023),-- was placed on file.

DPH,-- plans of correction. SD2841

Reports.

The following reports were severally received and placed on file, to wit: Report of the Human Resources Division (pursuant to Section 25 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws) submitting a list of civil service police promotional series eligible lists that have been revoked as of September 1, 2023 (received November 3, 2023); and Report of MassHealth (pursuant to Section 12A(i) of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2023 annual report on the amount of supplemental rebates received, the number of drugs receiving a supplemental rebate broken down by manufacturer and a breakdown of the duration of the supplemental rebates received (received November 3, 2023).

HRD,-- police promotional eligible lists. SD2838

MassHealth,-- drug pricing report. SD2840

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows: By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2497) of Julian Cyr and Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Provincetown to grant 5 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises [Local approval received];

Provincetown,-- liquor licenses.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Ms. Comerford, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joanne M. Comerford and Natalie M. Blais for legislation to create a state disaster relief fund for emergency management,-- **under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Disaster Relief Trust Fund.
SD2839

Reports of a Committee.

By Ms. Moran, for the committee on Revenue, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Norwell to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemptions (Senate, No. 1921) [Local approval received];

Norwell,-- property tax.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to property tax deferral for seniors in the city of Taunton (Senate, No. 2368) [Local approval received]; and

Taunton,-- property tax.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to amend the provisions of Chapter 381 of the Acts of 2020 to continue the town of Hingham senior means-tested property tax exemption (Senate, No. 2407) [Local approval received];

Hingham,-- tax exemption.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Deerfield on May 2, 2022 (House, No. 4157),-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.**

Deerfield,-- annual election.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4158) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) relative to trainings for employees of the town of Lanesborough; and

Lanesborough,-- employee training.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4159) of William M. Straus and Mark C. Montigny (by vote of the town) relative to providing for an alternate member of the finance committee in the town of Mattapoisett;

Mattapoisett,-- finance committee.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

A Bill to designate a certain bridge in the town of Lexington in honor of Henry N. "Hank" Manz (House, No. 4160,-- on House, No. 3286),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

Lexington,-- Henry N. "Hank" Manz bridge.

A report of the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 227) of Barry R. Finegold for legislation to establish the Massachusetts Information Privacy and Security Act, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity,-- **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

MA Information Privacy Act.

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 regulating certain insurance benefits for certain officials in the town of Blackstone (Senate, No. 1296) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Blackstone,-- elected officials.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill changing the name of the Board of Selectmen of the town of Gosnold to Selectboard (House, No. 3842),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Gosnold,--
selectboard.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill relative to the charter of the town of Dedham (see House, No. 2081, 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. Timilty) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill laid before the
Governor.

A Bill authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Hopkinton (House, No. 2018,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Hopkinton,--
investments.

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.

A Bill amending the charter of the town of Northborough (House, No. 3903,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Northborough,--
town charter.

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.

A Bill establishing the position of town manager in the town of Belchertown (House, No. 3960,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Belchertown,-- town
manager.

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.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Corinne Senna, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4144, amended,-- on petition),-- was read.

Corinne Senna,-- 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.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4163) of Carole A. Fiola and Michael J. Rodrigues that the boat ramp at Bicentennial Park in the city of Fall River be designated as the State Representative Manuel Raposa Jr. Boat Ramp;

Fall River,-- Rep.
Manuel Raposa, Jr.
boat ramp.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4165) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf, James J. O'Day and Robyn K. Kennedy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Anthony Fannoh, Jr., an employee of the Department of Mental Health; and

Anthony Fannoh,
Jr.,-- sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4164) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) relative to accidental disability retirement benefits for Thomas Romeo, a retired police officer of the town of North Reading;

Thomas Romeo,--
retirement.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4166) of Steven Owens and others (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Cambridge be authorized to install automated road safety camera systems as a means of promoting traffic safety in said city;

Cambridge,--
automated traffic
enforcement.

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

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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