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Thursday, December 14, 2023.

Met at a quarter past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger in 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 Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader, announcing the appointment of Christopher Carlozzi, Massachusetts State Director for the National Federation of Independent Business (pursuant Chapter 207 of the Acts of 2018) to the Tax Expenditure Commission (received December 11, 2023),-- **was placed on file.**

Tax Expenditure
Commission,-- appt.

Report.

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 Middlesex County Jail and House of Corrections (received December 13, 2023),-- **was placed on file.**

DPH,-- facility
inspection.
SD2893

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4212) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to appoint Terrance Joseph Williams a police officer in said city, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

Boston,-- Terrance
Joseph Williams.

Bills

Facilitating the appropriation and expenditure of community preservation funds for community housing purposes in the town of Chatham (House, No. 1365,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Chatham,--
community housing.

Establishing a housing trust fund in the town of Chatham (House, No. 1366,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Chatham,-- housing
trust fund.

Amending the charter of the city of Greenfield (House, No. 3725, changed,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Greenfield,-- charter.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Ariel Rodriguez (House, No. 3844,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Boston,-- Ariel
Rodriguez.

Relative to establishing a trust to administer a length of service award program for the Swansea Fire Department (House, No. 4047,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Swansea Fire
Department,-- award
program.

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

Petition.

On motion of Mr. Tarr, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended on the petition, presented by Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule

Technology,-- grid
enhancing.

12) of Michael J. Barrett for legislation to advance grid enhancement technologies,-- **and the same was referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Sent to the House for concurrence.**

SD2892

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Eldridge) “congratulating Chief Justice Jeffrey A. Locke on his retirement as chief justice of the Trial Court”; and

Chief Justice Jeffrey A. Locke.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) “congratulating the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps Massachusetts Bay Division Unit for receiving the John J. Bergen Award.”

US Naval Sea Cadet Corps Massachusetts Bay Division Unit.

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 authorizing the town of Norwell to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (Senate, No. 1921),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

Norwell,-- property tax.

The Senate 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),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

Hingham,-- tax exemption.

Reports 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 Barry R. Finegold for legislation relative to the designation of Jury Clerk in the Haverhill District Court.

Haverhill,-- jury clerk.
SD2865

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 the Judiciary.

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 Michael D. Brady for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for William J. Torres, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department.

William J. Torres, -- sick leave.
SD2875

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 Public Service.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4218) of Dylan A. Fernandes that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services be authorized to establish a program to promote, incentivize and support the development and deployment of eligible therapies among veterans and first responders;

Veterans and first responders,-- treatments.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4219) of Margaret R. Scarsdale relative to authorizing Thomas Struthers to purchase creditable service from the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board;

Thomas Struthers,-- retirement.

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

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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.

Time of meeting.

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