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Met at twenty-one 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.

Distiguished Guests.

There being no objection the following guests were introduced:

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Ms. Miranda and Mr. Collins for the purpose of an introduction. They then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Cathedral High School girls basketball team. The Cathedral Panthers were recognized for winning back to back MIAA Division 4 state championship titles and for their hard work and dedication throughout the season. They were accompanied by Head Coach Clinton Lassiter, Assistant Coaches Dashawn Oliver, Steve Schiehuber, Shanika Smart and Representative Moran of Boston. The team was presented a Senate Citation, applauded for their accomplishments and withdrew from the Chamber.

Cathedral High School girls basketball team.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Ms. Creem for the purpose of an introduction. Ms. Creem then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Tom Pogorelec from Brookline. Tom was recognized for his work as an Eagle Scout, including a project to improve the Heath School Community Garden. He organized and executed a project to install two new wheelchair-accessible garden beds and built a composter for the garden. Tom was accompanied by his parents Jason and Ali. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Tom Pogorelec.

Communications.

The following communications were severally received and place on file, to wit:

Communication from the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (under the provisions of item 1599-0514 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting a copy of its bi-weekly report on the status of the Emergency Housing Assistance Program dated March 25, 2024 (received March 25, 2024);

Emergency Housing Assistance Program,- bi-weekly report. SD3125

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the Northeastern Correctional Center, Concord dated March 19, 2024 (received March 26, 2024); and

DPH,--plan of correction. SD3129

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the Pondville Correctional Center, Norfolk inspection on March 5, 2024 (received March 26, 2024).

Id. SD3130

Reports.

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

Report of the Office of the Inspector General (pursuant to Section 12 of Chapter 12A of the General Laws) submitting its report entitled "Post-Retirement Earnings Limits for

OIG,--post-retirement earnings.

Massachusetts Public Employees” (received March 26, 2024);

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 Concord (received March 25, 2024);

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.408) relative to the re-inspection of the Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center, Shirley (received March 25, 2024); and

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 Norfolk (received March 27, 2024).

SD3126
DPH,-- facility
inspection.
SD3127

Id.
SD3128

Id.
SD3131

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on Senate, Nos. 557 and 559, a Resolve to create a commission to determine the feasibility of voluntary acquisition of flood risk properties and structures (Senate, No. 557);

Mr. Lewis for the committee on Education, on Senate, Nos. 251, 278, 295, 309, 331, and 359 and House, Nos. 431, 441, 553, 568, 569, and 606, a Bill establishing a special commission to review the adequacy and equity of the Massachusetts school building program (Senate, No. 2659); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 271 and 322, a Bill relative to air quality in public schools (Senate, No. 2660);

Severally read and, under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Flood risk,--
commission.

School construction.

Public schools,-- air
quality.

By Ms. Cyr, for the committee on Public Health, on Senate, No. 1331 and House, No. 2246, a Bill relative to end of life options (Senate, No. 1331);

Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Bills

Establishing a special commission on blockchain and cryptocurrency (Senate, No. 29);

Relative to the Rural Policy Advisory Commission (Senate, No. 233);

Further regulating the Assisted Living Advisory Council (Senate, No. 373);

To reinvest justice and opportunity in communities affected by incarceration (Senate, No. 1206);

To establish a November holiday honoring President John F. Kennedy, to promote increased voter participation and civic engagement (Senate, No. 2000);

Establishing a special commission to identify opportunities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of state agencies, programs, and services (Senate, No. 2018); and

Providing for the creation of a Massachusetts COVID-19 Memorial (Senate, No. 2021);

The Senate Resolves

Establishing a special commission on the treatment of intellectually and developmentally disabled offenders in the criminal justice system (Senate, No. 110);

Providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to protein innovation in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 229); and

Establishing a special commission to study the impact of telecommuting on employees of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 1229);

Severally ought to pass.

End of life,-- options.

Cryptocurrency,--
commission.

Rural Advisory
Commission.
ALAC,-- regulate.

Communities,--
incarceration.

John F. Kennedy,--
holiday.

State government,--
efficiency.

COVID-19
memorial,-- creation.

Disabled offenders,--
commission.

Protein innovation
commission.

Telecommuting,--
study.

Se verally referred, under Senate Rule 27, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Cronin, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on petition, a Bill relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages (Senate, No. 153);

By Mr. Payano, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on petition, a Bill relative to starter home school cost reimbursement (Senate, No. 132);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing the Community Non-Profit Investment and Grant Program (Senate, No. 136);

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on petition, a Bill addressing noise issues of migratory game hunters near coastal dwellings (Senate, No. 455);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to facilitate climate resiliency (Senate, No. 456);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to boater safety to be known as the David Hanson Act (Senate, No. 536);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 558 and House, No. 815, a Bill to eliminate hydraulic fracturing in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 558);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing tracking and reporting requirements for Massachusetts transportation fuels and associated greenhouse gas emissions (Senate, No. 560);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to establishing an office of partnership coordination within the department of conservation and recreation (Senate, No. 569);

By Mr. Lewis, for the committee on Education, on Senate, No. 245 and House, No. 477, a Bill prohibiting the use of Native American mascots by public schools in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 245) [Representative McGonagle of Everett dissenting];

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 2388, a Bill to provide a sustainable future for rural schools (Senate No. 2658);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 292, 302, 304, 320, 321 and 352), a Bill relative to charter schools (Senate, No. 2662);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 256, 274, 297, 306, 334, 361 and 362), a Bill to expand access to career technical education and other alternative pathways that improve student opportunities and outcomes (Senate, No. 2664);

By Mr. Barrett, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on petition, a Bill relative to installing solar energy systems in historic districts (Senate, No. 1289);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to set equal contracting conditions for electricity customers on basic service (Senate, No. 2079);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to establish a clean heating initiative in the commonwealth and reorganize the energy efficiency programs known as MassSave (Senate, No. 2082);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to towing protections (Senate, No. 2085);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill incorporating embodied carbon into state climate policy (Senate, No. 2090);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to Massachusetts' carbon dioxide removal leadership (Senate, No. 2096);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill promoting resilience against the heat-related impacts of climate change (Senate, No. 2097);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to electric

Alcoholic beverages,-
- sales.

Starter home,--
reimbursement.

Community,-- non-
profit investment.

Game hunters,--
noise issues.

Climate resiliency
projects,-- licensing.

David Hanson Act,--
boater safety.

Hydraulic fracturing,-
- eliminate.

Greenhouse gas
emissions,-- tracking.

DCR,-- Office of
Partnership
Coordination.

Public schools,--
mascots.

Rural schools,--
sustainable future.

Charter schools.

Student access,--
technical education.

Solar energy,--
historic districts.

Electricity,--
customers conditions.

MassSave.

Towing protections.

Embodied Carbon
Advisory Board.

Carbon dioxide,--
removal.

Climate change,--
impacts.

Climate,--

utility climate resilience and microgrids (Senate, No. 2100);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to improve outdoor lighting, conserve energy, and increase dark-sky visibility (Senate, No. 2102);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to expand the Bottle Bill (Senate, No. 2104);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the future of clean heat in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2105);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to electric ratepayer protections (Senate, No. 2106);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to fusion energy (Senate, No. 2110);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing a moratorium on new gas system expansion (Senate, No. 2135);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing off-peak charging rebates (Senate, No. 2140);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill supporting load aggregation programs in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2145);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to solar for state agencies (Senate, No. 2148);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill repurposing the commonwealth's power plants to a clean energy future (Senate, No. 2157);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to green financing (Senate, No. 2170);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to enhancing RPS standards (Senate, No. 2172);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill reducing the financial penalty imposed on customers who shift to heat pumps, electric appliances, and electric vehicles (Senate, No. 2529); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill advancing grid enhancement technologies (Senate, No. 2531);

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

By Mr. Payano, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses on petition, a Bill encouraging the growth of small businesses (Senate, No. 135);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill limiting time period parking lots can remain open (Senate, No. 137);

By Mr. Barrett, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on petition, a Bill relative to municipal authority in public rights of way (Senate, No. 2107); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to municipal light plants (Senate, No. 2139);

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

By Mr. Cronin, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on Senate, No. 2689, a Bill amending the Cranberry Highway Smart Growth Overlay District (Senate, No. 2714) [Local approval received on Senate, No. 2689];

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

vulnerability and resilience plan.
Energy efficient,-- outdoor lighting.

Bottle bill,-- expand.

Clean heat.

Ratepayer,-- electric protections.

Fusion energy.

New gas system,-- moratorium.

Charging rebates,-- off-peak.

Load aggregation programs.

State agencies,-- solar energy systems.

Power plants,-- clean energy.

Green financing.

RPS standards.

Renewable energy,-- financial penalty.

Technology,-- grid enhancing.

Small businesses,-- growth.

Parking lots,-- operations.

Utilities,-- public right of way.

Municipal light plants.

Rochester, -- Cranberry Highway Smart Growth District.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the town of Somerset to acquire interests in land for sewer purposes (House, No. 4273,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Somerset,-- land acquisition.

A report of the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4229) of John Francis Moran relative to the right of students to freedom of expression in public schools, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development,-- **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

Public schools,-- free expression.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Brownsberger, Barrett and Brady, Ms. Comerford, Messrs. Crighton, Cronin, DiDomenico, Finegold, Gomez, and Kennedy, Ms. Jehlen, Messrs. Lewis, Mark and Montigny, Ms. Moran, and Messrs. Oliveira, O'Connor, Rush, Tarr, Timilty and, Velis) "commending the Admetech Foundation on recognizing the fifteenth annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Day on March 28, 2024";

Admetech Foundation.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Collins, Rush, Keenan, Moore, Brady, Oliveira, Feeney, DiDomenico, Finegold, Pacheco and Kennedy) "commending the Boston Irish Tourism Association and its partners on its celebration of Saint Patrick's Day and its recognition of March 2024 as Irish Heritage Month";

Boston Irish Tourism Association.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fattman) "recognizing the posthumous honoring of Ellis 'Cappy' Bateman with the National Grange Golden Sheaf Certificate";

Ellis "Cappy" Bateman.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fattman) "recognizing the honoring of Sylvia J. Bates for earning the National Grange Golden Sheaf Certificate";

Sylvia J. Bates.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fattman) "congratulating retired Dudley Police Chief Steven J. Wojnar on receiving the Sunrise Pomona Grange Public Service Award";

Police Chief Steven J. Wojnar.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Gomez) "commending the National Kidney Foundation of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire And Vermont, Inc. for recognizing the month of March 2024 as Kidney Disease Awareness Month";

National Kidney Foundation.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) "congratulating Evelyn Vargas on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday"; and

Evelyn Vargas.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Rausch, Messrs. Velis and Oliveira, Ms. Moran, Mr. Finegold, Ms. Miranda, Messrs. Payano, Gomez, DiDomenico, Feeney, Keenan, and Lewis, Ms. Comerford and Messrs. Eldridge, Rush, Cyr, Cronin, Crighton, Montigny, Timilty and Moore, Ms. Creem, Messrs. Mark, Tarr and O'Connor, Ms. Lovely, Messrs. Collins and Rodrigues, Ms. Friedman, Ms. Jehlen, Ms. Kennedy and Messrs. Brownsberger and Pacheco) "commending Samaritans, Inc. on the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment."

Samaritans, Inc.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Rochester to continue the employment of Scott Weigel (Senate, No. 2690).

Rochester,-- Scott Weigel employment.

The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion

of Mr. Rodrigues, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tiffany Brennan, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (see, Senate, No. 2705), 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 3 to 0.

Tiffany Brennan,-- sick leave.

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

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4523) of Kimberly N. Ferguson that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Rutland;

Rutland,-- land.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4524) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to annual lists and manufacturing corporations;

Manufacturing corporations,-- lists.

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

Engrossed Bills.

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

Changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Charlton to select board (see Senate, No. 2487); and

Bills laid before the Governor.

Exempting the positions of police chief and fire chief in the city known as the town of Greenfield from the civil service law (see House, No. 4072).

An engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Holliston to continue the employment of Mark Dellicker as deputy fire chief (see House, No. 3998, 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 re-enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and again laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill again laid before the Governor.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4466),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had NON-concurred in the Senate amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2711, and had asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Representatives Michlewitz of Boston, Ferrante of Gloucester and Smola of Warren had been appointed the committee on the part of the House.

Supplemental Appropriations.

On motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate insisted on its amendment and concurred in

the appointment of a committee of conference; and Senators Rodrigues, Friedman and O'Connor were appointed on the part of the Senate.

The bill was returned to the House endorsed accordingly.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tiffany Brennan, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (see, Senate, No. 2705) (which originated in the Senate), **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.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Order granting the committee on the Judiciary until April 30, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 313, 906, 912, 914, 916, 920, 923, 928, 936, 938, 940, 941, 942, 945, 947, 954, 955, 962, 972, 973, 977, 978, 980, 982, 983, 988, 991, 993, 1000, 1003, 1005, 1009, 1011, 1014, 1016, 1020, 1023, 1024, 1027, 1032, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1045, 1046, 1047, 1050, 1052, 1053, 1057, 1059, 1060, 1069, 1070, 1076, 1079, 1082, 1098, 1101, 1104, 1107, 1108, 1111, 1114, 1129, 1130, 1140, 1142, 2450, and 2483, relative to judicial matters (Senate, No. 2586),-- ought to pass.

The Judiciary,-- extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Eldridge and, after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Orders.

The following House Orders (severally approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) were considered as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities be granted until Thursday, May 2, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 65, 66, 68, 71, 84, 97, 103, 108, 109 and 118, and House documents numbered 128, 157, 158, 164, 188, 191, 201, 207 and 4088.

Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities,-- extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Kennedy, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4303) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities be granted until Thursday, May 2, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 80, 120 and 124, and House documents numbered 153, 156, 165, 175, 190, 195 and 204.

Id.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Kennedy, and the order (House, No. 4304) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities be granted until Thursday, May 2, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 122.

Id.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Kennedy, and the order (House, No. 4366) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Transportation be granted until Thursday, May 23, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 566, 2211, 2215, 2228, 2231, 2246, 2277 and 2291, and House documents numbered 870, 3263, 3266, 3272, 3287, 3288, 3373, 3391, 3395, 3396, 3409 and 3417.

Transportation,--
extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Crighton, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4301) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Transportation be granted until Thursday, May 23, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2199, 2203, 2213, 2216, 2220, 2227, 2230, 2248, 2250, 2256, 2261, 2268 and 2270, and House documents numbered 3284, 3289, 3307, 3311, 3314, 3323, 3352, 3358, 3361, 3371, 3419, 3420, 3430, 3437, 3444, 3449, 3450, 3452, 3454, 3455, 3472, 3834 and 3876.

Id.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Crighton, and the order (House, No. 4374) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Transportation be granted until Thursday, May 23, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4287.

Id.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Crighton, and the order (House, No. 4435) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Transportation be granted until Friday, March 29, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4398.

Id.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Crighton, and the order (House, No. 4492) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Labor and Workforce Development be granted until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1157 and 1188, and House documents numbered 1848 and 1872.

Labor and Workforce
Development,--
extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Jehlen, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4333) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Labor and Workforce Development be granted until Wednesday, May 8, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1162, 1163, 1164, 1195, 1196, 1200, 1208, 1219 and 1223, and House documents numbered 1839, 1841, 1857, 1870, 1873, 1875, 1878, 1891, 1911, 1922, 1925, 1931, 1941 and 1945.

Id.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Jehlen, and the order (House, No. 4342) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Labor and Workforce Development be granted until Wednesday, May 8, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 1892 and 1916.

Id.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Jehlen, and the order (House, No. 4373) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies be granted until Wednesday, May 1, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 225, and House document numbered 416.

Economic Development and Emerging Technologies,-- extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Finegold, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4341) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies be granted until Thursday, May 30, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4459.

Id.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Finegold, and the order (House, No. 4511) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies be granted until Thursday, May 30, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2692.

Id.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Finegold, and the order (House, No. 4512) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Financial Services be granted until Friday, May 17, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 606, 624, 628, 632, 689, 692, 693, 720 and 2536, and House documents numbered 955, 975, 998, 1005, 1006, 1018, 1023, 1033, 1074, 3583 and 3772.

Financial Services,-- extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Feeney, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4367) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Financial Services be granted until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 627 and 666, and House documents numbered 961, 1090, 1099 and 1158.

Id.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Feeney, and the order (House, No. 4369) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Service be granted until Tuesday, April 30, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 1279.

Public Service,-- extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Brady, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4480) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Education be granted until Sunday, April 21, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 240, 241, 247, 248, 249, 269, 276, 324, 332, 333, 342, 346, 350 and 356, and House documents numbered 425, 430, 432, 442, 449, 452, 454, 465, 467, 472, 486, 493, 497, 499, 516, 535, 537, 547, 550, 555, 557, 560, 571, 575, 593, 3568, 3573, 3754, 3853, 3943 and 3944.

Education,-- extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Lewis, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4491) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were considered as follows:

Bills

Relative to changing the Board of Selectmen in the Town of Foxborough (House, No. 3724);

Second reading matters.

Waiving the maximum age requirement for appointment as a police officer for Luigi D’Addieco (House, No. 4071); and

Amending the charter of the city of Chelsea (House, No. 4184).

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

There being no objection the following matter was considered out of order:

The Senate Bill relative to fairness in debt collection (Senate, No. 2638),-- was read a second time.

Debt collection,-- fairness.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, substituting a new draft (Senate, No. 2713) was considered; and was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2713) was then ordered to a third reading and read a third time.

After remarks, the question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at two minutes before one o’clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Eldridge, as follows, to wit (yeas 39 – nays 0) **[Yeas and Nays No. 122]:**

YEAS.

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| Barrett, Michael J. | Kennedy, Edward J. |
| Brady, Michael D. | Kennedy, Robyn K. |
| Brownsberger, William N. | Lewis, Jason M. |
| Collins, Nick | Lovely, Joan B. |
| Comerford, Joanne M. | Mark, Paul W. |
| Creem, Cynthia Stone | Miranda, Liz |
| Crighton, Brendan P. | Montigny, Mark C. |
| Cronin, John J. | Moore, Michael O. |
| Cyr, Julian | Moran, Susan L. |
| DiDomenico, Sal N. | O’Connor, Patrick M. |
| Durant, Peter J. | Oliveira, Jacob R. |
| Edwards, Lydia | Pacheco, Marc R. |
| Eldridge, James B. | Payano, Pavel M. |
| Fattman, Ryan C. | Rausch, Rebecca L. |
| Feeney, Paul R. | Rodrigues, Michael J. |
| Finegold, Barry R. | Rush, Michael F. |
| Friedman, Cindy F. | Tarr, Bruce E. |
| Gomez, Adam | Timilty, Walter F. |
| Jehlen, Patricia D. | Velis, John C. – 39. |
| Keenan, John F. | |

NAYS – 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at three minutes past one o’clock P.M., the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill relative to violation of regulation regarding hot work processes (Senate, No. 1485),-- was read a second time.

Hot work processes.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means,

substituting a new draft (Senate, No. 2712) was considered; and was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2712) was then ordered to a third reading and read a third time.

After remarks, the question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at twenty-nine minutes past one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Collins, as follows, to wit (yeas 40 – nays 0) [**Yeas and Nays No. 123**]:

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.	Kennedy, Edward J.
Brady, Michael D.	Kennedy, Robyn K.
Brownsberger, William N.	Lewis, Jason M.
Collins, Nick	Lovely, Joan B.
Comerford, Joanne M.	Mark, Paul W.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Miranda, Liz
Crighton, Brendan P.	Montigny, Mark C.
Cronin, John J.	Moore, Michael O.
Cyr, Julian	Moran, Susan L.
DiDomenico, Sal N.	O'Connor, Patrick M.
Durant, Peter J.	Oliveira, Jacob R.
Edwards, Lydia	Pacheco, Marc R.
Eldridge, James B.	Payano, Pavel M.
Fattman, Ryan C.	Rausch, Rebecca L.
Feeney, Paul R.	Rodrigues, Michael J.
Finegold, Barry R.	Rush, Michael F.
Friedman, Cindy F.	Spilka, Karen E.
Gomez, Adam	Tarr, Bruce E.
Jehlen, Patricia D.	Timilty, Walter F.
Keenan, John F.	Velis, John C. – 40.

NAYS – 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at twenty-six minutes before two o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Moment of Silence.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Sarah Ann Shaw.

Moment of silence.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Order granting the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy be granted until April 7, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 538, 1284, 1285, 2078, 2080, 2081, 2083, 2084, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2098, 2099, 2101, 2103, 2108, 2109, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2133, 2134, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2146, 2147, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2169, 2171, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2394, 2488, and 2558, relative to telecommunications, utilities, and energy matters. (Senate, No. 2620),-- ought to be adopted.

Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy,-- extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Barrett and, after remarks, the

**order was considered forthwith and adopted.
Sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Order.

The following House Order (approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) was considered forthwith as follows:

Ordered, That notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy be granted until Sunday, April 7, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 755, 873, 2038, 3134, 3135, 3136, 3137, 3138, 3139, 3140, 3141, 3142, 3143, 3145, 3146, 3147, 3148, 3149, 3150, 3151, 3152, 3153, 3154, 3156, 3157, 3158, 3160, 3162, 3163, 3165, 3168, 3169, 3171, 3172, 3173, 3174, 3175, 3176, 3177, 3178, 3179, 3180, 3181, 3182, 3183, 3184, 3185, 3186, 3188, 3189, 3190, 3191, 3192, 3193, 3194, 3195, 3196, 3197, 3198, 3199, 3200, 3201, 3202, 3203, 3204, 3206, 3207, 3208, 3209, 3210, 3211, 3212, 3213, 3221, 3222, 3223, 3224, 3225, 3226, 3227, 3228, 3229, 3230, 3231, 3232, 3233, 3234, 3235, 3236, 3237, 3238, 3673, 3674, 3675, 3676, 3677, 3678, 3679, 3680, 3681, 3682, 3684, 3685, 3686, 3687, 3688, 3689, 3690, 3692, 3693, 3694, 3695, 3696, 3697, 3698, 3699, 3700, 3701, 3797, 3798, 3799, 3800, 3805, 3806, 3833, 3846, 3850, 3859, 3860, 3886, 3950, 3967, 4007 and 4032.

Telecommunications,
Utilities and Energy,-
- extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Barrett, and the order (House, No. 4378) was considered forthwith; and, was adopted, in concurrence.

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.

Adjournment in Memory of Ms. Sarah-Ann Shaw.

The Senators from Suffolk, Ms. Miranda and Mr. Collins, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it does so in memory of Ms. Sarah-Ann Shaw.

Sarah-Ann Shaw was a lifelong resident of Roxbury. She was born at the New England Hospital, now The Dimock Center. A graduate of the Boston Public Schools (Girls' Latin School), Shaw also attended Boston University. She was an activist for most of her personal and professional life. Over the years her volunteer time was dedicated to the fight for human and civil rights, as shown by her commitment to the success of many organizations.

In 1969, she was hired as the first Black woman reporter at WBZ-TV, where she worked for 31 years as a general assignment reporter. She retired from the station in 2000. During those years, Shaw covered a wide range of daily news stories, and also developed special reports that illustrated positive contributions made by Black, Asian, and Latino residents of Massachusetts. In this way she tried to dispel stereotypes held by White people about people of color, while providing positive images of urban life. Her stories gave balance to those most often under-represented by media outlets.

From 1969 to 2000 her special reports focused on the importance of providing all people with the same social, economic, and educational opportunities.

She has been honored by a variety of organizations. Mount Ida College awarded her

an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree in 2014 and in that same year ABCD, Boston's anti-poverty agency, inducted her into its Lifetime Achievement Hall of Fame.

Shaw served as a board member of several institutions such as Boston Neighborhood Network TV, The Friends of Dudley Library Inc., Boston Senior Homecare, and The League of Women for Community Service. Sarah-Ann was also active with a number of advisory committees, including Boston University School of Medicine Dean's Advisory Board, the Dudley Vision Advisory Task Force, and others specifically established to address problems of hunger, homelessness, diversity, and disparities in health care. Previously, she was on the boards of the Ford Hall Forum, Central Boston Elder Services, the Executive Service Corps Inc. and the MA Broadcaster's Hall of Fame.

Others have acknowledged her contributions to the city. On Mother's Day in May 2016 she received the "Open Door" award in honor of Phyllis Wheatley from Old South Church. In 2014, she and her daughter Klare were among those featured in the book, "Portraits of Purpose: A Tribute to Leadership," by Don West and Kenneth Cooper. In 2007, mother and daughter received an Intergenerational Activist Award from "Teen Voices" magazine. In 2006, the Advent School presented Shaw "the Mona Hull Founder's Award for Education for Social Justice". That same year she accepted the "Take a Stand Award" from the Boston Women's Fund.

A "Community Legend" award was bestowed upon her in 2004 by Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. In 2003, she received an Abigail Adams Award from the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus. A real treat was the 2001 "A Hero Among Us" award presented by the Boston Celtics.

In the year 2000 she received two major media awards from her peers; a "Lifetime Achievement Award" from Emerson College RTNDA (Radio Television News Directors Association), and "The Yankee Quill Award" from The New England Society of Newspaper Editors. In 1998, the National Association of Black Journalists honored her with its Lifetime Achievement Award, acknowledging her help in establishing the organization.

The NAACP Boston Branch, the Cambridge YWCA, Rosie's Place, the Boston Association of Black Journalists, The Irish Immigration Center, Action for Boston Community Development, Black Educators Association of MA, and others have also honored her.

Ms. Shaw had one grown daughter, two adult grandchildren, and one great-grandson. In her loving extended family she also had an adopted daughter, son and grandson.

On March 21, 2024, she passed on peacefully at the age of 90.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Ms. Sarah-Ann Shaw, at twelve minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.