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Met at a quarter past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Rodrigues in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Department of Higher Education (pursuant to line item 7066-9600 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its FY23 annual legislative report on the Massachusetts Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Initiative (received May 10, 2024),-- was placed on file.

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Reports.

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

Report of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (pursuant to Section 20D of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting its report relative to child abuse and neglect cases that have been referred for criminal prosecution during fiscal year 2023 (received May 9, 2024); and

MDAA,-- child abuse report. SD3226

Report of the Hate Crimes Task Force (pursuant to Section 221(e) of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting its 2023 annual report (received May 9, 2024).

Hate Crimes TF,-- annual report. SD3228

Petition.

Mr. Crighton presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2783) of Brendan P. Crighton (with approval of the mayor and city council) to amend Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2018 and Sections 6-11 and 10-3 of the Lynn City Charter [Local approval received];

Lynn,-- charter.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Timilty, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on Senate, Nos. 1477, 1479, 1481, 1494, 1527, 1531, 1534, 1540, 1544, and 1550, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to corrections (Senate, No. 2773);

Public Safety and Homeland Security, -- study.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1581, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to emergency response (Senate, No. 2774);

Id.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1476, 1491, 1495, and 1536, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to

Id.

firearms (Senate, No. 2775);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1478, 1501, 1521, and 1587, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to law enforcement and training (Senate, No. 2776);

Id.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1483, 1525, and 1551, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to transportation (Senate, No. 2777);

Id.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1538, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to workplace safety (Senate, No. 2778);

Id.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1554, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to public safety services (Senate, No. 2779); and

Id.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1513, 1514, 1515, and 1516, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to firearms (Senate, No. 2780) [Senator Fattman dissenting];

Id.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Bills

Exempting the position of deputy fire chief of the town of Chelmsford from the civil service law (House, No. 4179,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Chelmsford,--
deputy fire chief.

Authorizing the town of Warren to continue the employment of Steven Perkins (House, No. 4215,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Warren,-- Steven
Perkins.

Relative to retired fire fighters in the city of Newton (House, No. 4561,-- on House, No. 3987) [Local approval received on House, No. 3987];

Newton,-- retired
firefighters.

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

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Aidan Parry on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout"; and

Aidan Parry.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Aidan Raischel on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout."

Aidan Raischel.

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The House Bill to establish Noah Fernandes mitochondrial disease awareness day (House, No. 4240),-- was read a second time.

Noah Fernandes
Mitochondrial
Disease awareness
day.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Rodrigues moved that

the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2782.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- “An Act raising awareness of mitochondrial diseases in the commonwealth”.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4640) of Michael S. Day and Jason M. Lewis for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kendra Winner, an employee of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education;

Kendra Winner,--
sick leave.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4641) of Michael S. Day that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Stoneham for the purposes of reconstructing an off-ramp from Interstate Route 93 northbound;

Stoneham,-- land.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Durant,--

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