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

Pledge of allegiance.

Report.

Report of the Executive Office of Education (pursuant to Section 1T(b) of Chapter 69 of the General Laws) submitting its 2023 report on student preparedness for workforce and post-graduate success by school district and high school (received May 24, 2024),-- was placed on file.

EOE,-- SOA report. SD3256

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Transportation, on Senate, No. 566, 2227, 2231, and 2261, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to transportation planning and revenue (Senate, No. 2796);

Transportation, -- study.

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

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Senate Bill to strengthen our public health infrastructure to address Alzheimer's and all dementia (Senate, No. 2683) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000],-- ought to pass.

Alzheimer's and dementia,-- awareness.

Referred, under Senate Rule 27, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Timilty, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on petition, a Bill relative to silencers (Senate, No. 1560);

Silencers,-- firearms.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to allow temporary door-locking devices in public buildings (Senate, No. 2514);

Public buildings,-- door-locking devices.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to technical rescue services (Senate, No. 2535);

Technical rescue services.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1589, a Bill relative to the use of green lights for municipal emergency management vehicles (Senate, No. 2772); and

Municipal emergency vehicles,-- green lights.

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Financial Services, on Senate, No. 606, a Bill relative to the compulsory automobile insurance limits (Senate, No. 2790).

Automobile insurance limits.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4663) of Michelle L. Ciccolo, Cindy F. Friedman and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) that the town of Lexington be authorized to grant ten additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town;

Lexington,-- liquor licenses.

To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4664) of Alice Hanlon Peisch, Carmine Lawrence Gentile and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) that the town of Lincoln be authorized to satisfy legal notice requirements by digital publication;

Lincoln,-- digital notices.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4678) of Michael S. Day and Jason M. Lewis (by vote of the town) that town of Stoneham police department be authorized to waive the maximum age requirement for original appointment of police officers in said town;

Stoneham,-- public safety.

To the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4679) of Kate Donaghue, Hannah Kane and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to bidding requirements for certain affordable projects in the town of Westborough;

Westborough,-- affordable bidding requirements.

To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Bills

Honoring, empowering, and recognizing our servicemembers and veterans (House, No. 4671,-- on House, No. 4172); and

Veterans and servicemembers.

Relative to termination of sales to wholesalers by suppliers of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4477,-- on House, No. 371);

Alcohol wholesalers,-- sales.

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

Bills

Directing the town of Burlington fire department to waive the maximum age requirement for firefighter for Ryan DeCoste (House, No. 4405,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Burlington,-- Ryan DeCoste.

Establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town of Huntington (House, No. 4454,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Huntington,-- town clerk.

Establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town of Huntington (House, No. 4526,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Malden,-- police officers.

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

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Sutton to grant real property tax abatements for certain active duty military personnel (see, Senate, No. 2493) (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. Collins) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Oliveira and Gomez) “commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of Boy Scouts of America Troop 32 of Springfield.”

Boy Scouts of America Troop 32 of Springfield.

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 Nick Collins for legislation relative to Admiral David G. Farragut Park.

Admiral David G.
Farragut Park.
SD3243

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Timilty, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

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 Nick Collins for legislation relative to providing a COVID-19 retirement credit to essential public-sector workers.

Essential workers,--
COVID-19 credit.
SD2457

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Timilty, 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.

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 Nick Collins relative to reviving and continuing the special commission established (pursuant to section 52 of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2022) to study and examine the transportation, resiliency, infrastructure and multi-modal needs of the South Boston Waterfront and South Boston community in the city of Boston, as designated by the Boston Redevelopment Authority, hereinafter referred to as the Boston Planning and Development Agency.

South Boston,--
Waterfront
Commission.
SD3242

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Timilty, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by resolve) was referred to the committee on Transportation.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kendra Winner, an employee of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (House, No. 4644,-- on House, No. 4640),-- was read.

Kendra Winner,--
sick leave.

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

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