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Monday, June 3, 2024.

Met at eighteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Edwards in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

The 4th and 5th grade classes from the Chace Street School in Somerset, led the Chair (Ms. Edwards), members, guests and staff in the recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Ms. Edwards) handed the gavel to Mr. Timilty for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Timilty then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the 5th grade class from Tucker Elementary School in Milton. The graduating 5th grade class was on a field trip to the State House learning about the different aspects of state government. The students were accompanied by Principal Dr. William B. Carter, Jr., and teachers: Amy Poula, Justine Novak, Adrienne, Campbell, Christine England and Alex Boziel Pava. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Tucker Elementary School,-- 5th grade.

Communication.

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

Communication from the Massachusetts State House Press Association (pursuant to Senate Rule 59) submitting a list of the legislative reporters who constitute the Massachusetts State House Press Association (received May 30, 2024); and

State House Press Association. SD3263

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 June 3, 2024 (received June 3, 2024).

Emergency Housing Assistance Program,-- bi-weekly report. SD3271

Reports.

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

Report of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (pursuant to Section 66(3) of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2024 annual report (received May 31, 2024);

MCSW,-- annual report. SD3262

Report of the Health Information Technology Council (pursuant to Section 15 of Chapter 118I of the General Laws) submitting its 2023 annual report (received May 30, 2024); and

HIT Council,-- annual report. SD3264

Report of the Office for Refugees and Immigrants (pursuant to item 4003-0123 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its April report detailing expenditures of resettlement agencies (RAs) that resettle and support refugees and immigrants (received June 3, 2024).

Office for Refugees and Immigrants,-- RA report. SD3270

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Bills

Relative to a model carrier reporting requirement (House, No. 4697,-- on House, No. 372);

Relative to the direct wine shipper license (House, No. 4698,-- on House, No. 266);

Clarifying creditable service buyback for publicly funded non-public schools (House, No. 4699,-- on House, No. 20); and

Authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land to the city of Lowell (House, No. 4700,-- on House, No. 4117);

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

Alcohol transport,-- reporting requirements.  
Wine shipper,-- license.  
Non-public schools,-- retirement.  
Lowell,-- land.

Bills

Relative to the charter of the town of Provincetown (House, No. 4091,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Nuias Daveiga (House, No. 4431,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

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

Provincetown,-- charter.  
Boston Police,-- Nuias Daveiga.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4601),-- 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 2800, 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.

General appropriation bill,-- FY25.

**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.**

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Oliveira) "congratulating the Palmer Lions Club on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary."

Palmer Lions Club.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

*Engrossed Bills.*

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the House), 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 (Ms. Edwards) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Exempting the position of deputy fire chief in the town of Chelmsford from the civil

Bills laid before the Governor.

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service law (see House, No. 4179); and

Authorizing the town of Weston to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4190, amended).

*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 Senate Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of East Bridgewater to select board (Senate, No. 2422) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

East Bridgewater,--  
select board.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

*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 Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation relative to adoptions outside of the Commonwealth.

Adoptions,-- out of  
state.  
SD3233

**Senate Rule 36 was 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 Paegan Deering for legislation to direct the state retirement board to grant credible service to Paegan Deering.

Paegan Deering,--  
creditable service.  
SD2677

**Senate Rule 36 was 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.**

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A Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Ashland as the Harold Wadhams Gates memorial bridge (House, No. 3883,-- on petition),-- was read.

Ashland,-- Harold  
Wadhams Gates  
memorial bridge.

**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 authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land in the town of Lancaster (House, No. 4701,-- on House, No. 3672) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Lancaster,-- land.

**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. 4709) relative to adoptions;

Adoptions.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4710) of Daniel Cahill relative to the financing of qualifying improvements to residential property;

Residential  
property,--  
improvements.

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

*Recess.*

There being no objection, at eighteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Chair

Recess.

(Ms. Edwards) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and, at nine minutes before one o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Ms. Edwards in the Chair.

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 Economic Development and Emerging Technologies be granted until Friday, June 7, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4459.

Economic Development and Emerging Technologies,-- extension order.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4693) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.**

*Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development be granted until Saturday, June 1, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4229.

Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development,-- extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the order was considered forthwith.

After remarks and pending the question on adoption of the order, Mr. Mark presented an amendment, in line 2, by striking out the words "Saturday, June 1, 2024" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "Friday, June 28, 2024".

**The amendment was adopted.**

**The order (House, No. 4579), as amended, was then adopted.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.**

*Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to advancing the profession of commercial interior design (Senate, No. 2408),-- ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2805).

Interior design,-- board of registration.

*Order Adopted.*

Mr. Rodrigues presented the following order, to wit:

*Ordered*, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the Senate Bill relative to advancing the profession of commercial interior design (Senate, No. 2408) (the committee on Ways and Means having recommended that the bill be amended by substituting a new draft with the same title, Senate, No. 2805) shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Thursday, June 6, 2024, for immediate consideration.

Procedural order. SD3266

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.**

**The bill will be considered on Thursday, June 6, 2024, for a second reading with the amendment pending.**

*Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill to provide for the future information technology needs of Massachusetts (House, No. 4648),-- ought to pass, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Seante document numbered 2806.

Information technology,-- bond bill.

*Order Adopted.*

Mr. Rodrigues presented the following order, to wit:

*Ordered*, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the House Bill to provide for the future information technology needs of Massachusetts (House, No. 4648) (the committee on Ways and Means having recommended that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2806) shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Thursday, June 6, 2024.

Procedural order.  
SD3265

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 5:00 P.M., on Tuesday, June 4, 2024. All such amendments shall be second reading-amendments to the Senate Ways and Means new text (Senate, No. 2806), but further amendments in the third degree to such amendments shall be in order. The Clerk shall further specify the procedure and format for filing all amendments, consistent with this order.

After the bill as amended is ordered to a third reading, it shall immediately be read a third time and the question shall then immediately be on passing it to be engrossed, and no amendments shall be in order at the third reading of the bill unless recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.**

**The bill will be considered on Thursday, June 6, 2024, for a second reading with the amendment pending.**

*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., in a full formal session with a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at one minute past one o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.