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Wednesday, July 3, 2024.

Met at two 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.

Communication.

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 July 1, 2024 (received July 1, 2024),-- was placed on file.

Emergency Housing Assistance Program,-- bi-weekly report. SD3323

Report.

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

Report of the Office of the Inspector General (pursuant to line item 1599-2051 of Section 2A of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its 2024 Pandemic Funding Oversight Q2 report (received July 1, 2024);

Inspector General,-- pandemic funding oversight report. SD3324

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 the Bridgewater Complex Food Service (received July 1, 2024); and

DPH inspection,-- Bridgewater Complex Food Service. SD3325 A&F,--Resettlement Agency Report SD3322

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to item 4003-0123 of chapter 77 of the acts of 2023) submitting its Resettlement Agency Report for the month of May 2024 (received July 2, 2024).

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Brady, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2854) of Michael D. Brady and David F. DeCoste for legislation amending a conservation restriction in the town of Hanson [Local approval received];

Hanson,-- conservation restriction.

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

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joan B. Lovely for legislation to protect minors from the creation of computer-generated child sexual abuse visual materials; and

Child sexual abuse,-- visual materials. SD3318

By Mr. Oliveira, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jacob R. Oliveira, Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Patricia A. Duffy and Daniel R. Carey for legislation to establish the Historic Connecticut River Water Trail Marking Trust Fund;

Historic Connecticut River Water Trail. SD3320

**Severally under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches acting concurrently.**

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Transportation, on Senate, Nos. 2230 and 2277, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to Class 3 bikes/RTAs (Senate, No. 2852);

Transportation,-- study.

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

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill further regulating the retirement rights of certain employees of Plymouth County (Senate, No. 1609);

Plymouth County,-- retirement.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to Brockton school police (Senate, No. 1610);

Brockton,-- school police.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill restoring the retirement rights of certain employees (Senate, No. 1614);

Employees,-- retirement rights.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to non-clerical workers of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (Senate, No. 1620);

MWRA,-- non-clerical workers.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a relative to further defining employees classified in Group 4 (Senate, No. 1660);

Group 4 employees,-- classification.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to retirement benefits for Joseph Suppa (Senate, No. 2808); and

Joseph Suppa,-- retirement benefits.

By Mr. Mark, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on Senate, Nos. 2247 and 2528 and House, Nos. 4005, 4229 and 4235, a Bill to ensure access to library resources and services (Senate, No. 2839);

Library,-- resources and services.

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

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill clarifying constitutional officer employers for collective bargaining purposes (Senate, No. 1664); and

Constitutional officer employers.

By Mr. Collins, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, being a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill to rename the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Executive Office of Aging and Independence (printed in Senate, No. 2797);

EOEA,-- renaming.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4818) of Meghan Kilcoyne and John J. Cronin (by vote of the town) that the town of Lancaster be authorized to increase the membership of its select board,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Lancaster,-- select board membership.

Bills

Allowing electronic delivery receipts for certain bulk sale customers (House, No. 4132, amended,-- on House, No. 383);

Bulk sales,-- delivery receipts.

Providing for state financial interests flexibility (House, No. 4462, amended,-- on House, No. 8, in part); and

State financial interests,-- flexibility.

Updating the accuracy of membership to the state advisory council on early education and care (House, No. 4816,-- on House, No. 551);

Early education and care,-- state advisory council.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

**Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

A Bill authorizing the town of Carlisle to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4560,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Carlisle,-- senior property tax exemption.

*Emergency Preamble Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Dedham as the Honorable Kelly A. Timilty memorial bridge (see House, No. 3383, amended), 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 2 to 0.

Dedham,-- Hon. Kelly A. Timilty memorial bridge.

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

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rush) “commending distinguished Scoutmaster Jean Augusta, on her more than 20 years of distinguished service to the Boy Scouts of America Troop 44.”

Scoutmaster Jean Augusta.

*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 waiving the maximum age requirement for appointment as a police officer for Luigi D’Addieco (House, No. 4071),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Luigi D’Addieco,-- Boston police academy.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4824) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Patricia A. Duffy and Daniel R. Carey for legislation to establish a Historic Connecticut River Water Trail marking trust fund;

Connecticut River Water Trail marking trust fund.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4825) of Steven Ultrino for legislation to expand the treatment of cleft palate and cleft lip;

Cleft palate,-- treatment.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4826) of Frank A. Moran relative to retirement benefits for Mary McCabe;

Mary McCabe,-- retirement.

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

*Order.*

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

*Ordered,* That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on

Cannabis Policy,-- extension order.

Cannabis Policy be granted until Monday, July 1, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 58, and House document numbered 106.

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

Pending the question on adoption of the order, Mr. Gomez presented an amendment in line 2 by striking out the words "Monday, July 1, 2024" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "Wednesday, July 31, 2024".

**The amendment was adopted.**

**The order (House, No. 4692), as amended, was then adopted.**

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

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Gabriella Ruocco (House, No. 4755,-- on petition),-- was read.

Gabriella Ruocco--  
sick leave.

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

*Engrossed Bills.*

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

Designating s certain bridge in the town of Dedham as the Honorable Kelly A. Timilty memorial bridge (see House, No. 3383, amended);

Exempting Eric Robert Esteves from the maximum age requirements for police officers in the town of Ware (see House, No. 3961); and

Further regulating the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical high school (see House, No. 4384).

Bills laid before the  
Governor.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourns 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.

On motion of the same Senator, at eleven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.