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Monday, July 15, 2024.

Met at five 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 15, 2024 (received July 15, 2024),-- was placed on file.

Emergency Housing Assistance Program,-- bi-weekly report. SD3339

Report.

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

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to item 4513-1001 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on Grants to Support Improvements in Reproductive Access, Infrastructure, and Security in Massachusetts (received July 12, 2024); and

DPH,-- reproductive health access report. SD3333

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its report on the overflow emergency shelter sites dated July 15, 2024 (received July 15, 2024).

Emergency shelter sites,-- overflow report. SD3336

Petition.

Mr. Pacheco presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2870) of Marc R. Pacheco and Susan Williams Gifford (by vote of the town) relative to amend the provision of health insurance and other benefits in the town of Carver [Local approval received];

Carver,-- health insurance and benefits.

Referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the House for concurrence.

Report of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Bill empowering municipalities and local governments (Senate, No. 2827);

Municipalities and local governments

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4856) of Edward R. Philips and Paul R. Feeney (by vote of the town) relative to the recall of elected officers in the town of Sharon;

Sharon,-- elected officers.

To the committee on Election Laws.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4857) of Edward R. Philips (by vote of the town) that the town of Sharon be authorized to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings in said town;

Sharon,-- public meeting notices.

**To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4858) of Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Lee be authorized to continue the employment of Glenn M. Wilcox as the assistant chief of the fire department of said town;

Lee,-- Glenn M. Wilcox.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4859) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Christina Rodriguez to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Haverhill,-- Christina Rodriguez.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4860) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Gustavo Romero to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Haverhill,-- Gustavo Romero.

**Severally to the committee on Public Service.**

**Bills**

Relative to the regulation of money transmission by the Division of Banks (House, No. 4840,-- on House, No. 1106);

Division of Banks,-- regulations.

To preserve special needs trusts for disabled seniors (House, No. 4841,-- on Senate, No. 756 and House, No. 1202); and

Disabled seniors,-- special needs trusts.

Relative to dental hygienist reciprocal licensure (House, No.4842,-- on Senate, Nos. 2385 and 2392 and House, No. 3880);

Dental hygienist,-- licensure.

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

A Bill relative to Department of Conservation and Recreation facility Title IX compliance (House, No. 923,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

DCR,-- Title IX compliance.

*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 authorizing the city of Gardner to change the use of a certain parcel of land (House, No. 4589) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Gardner,-- land.

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.**

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4874) of Kathleen R. LaNatra relative to the transfer of real property from the Silver Lake regional school district to the town of Kingston,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Kingston,-- land.

*Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Freetown (see House, No. 3931) (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 enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

*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 Friday, July 26, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 109, and House document numbered 201.

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

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O’Connor, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4806) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.**

*Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Transportation be granted until Monday, July 22, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2199, 2250 and 2291, and House documents numbered 3288, 3289, 3452, 3876 and 4287.

Transportation,-- extension order.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O’Connor, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4808) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.**

*Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Health Care Financing be granted until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2546.

Health Care Financing,-- extension order.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O’Connor, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4670) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.**

*Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Health Care Financing be granted until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 1539, and House documents numbered 2330 and 2381.

Id.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O’Connor, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4757) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.**

*Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Health Care Financing be granted until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 747 and 1347, and House documents numbered 1211 and 1251.

Id.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O’Connor, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4828) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.**

*Statement from Senate President Spilka and Minority Leader Tarr.*

Massachusetts Senate President Karen E. Spilka and Senate Minority Leader Bruce E. Tarr issued the following statement on Saturday’s shooting at former President Trump’s rally in Pennsylvania:

Statement from Senate President Spilka and Minority Leader Tarr.

The Massachusetts State Senate is united in its condemnation of political violence of any type in America. While we may disagree on many things, we are deeply committed to this country’s ideals of settling those disagreements through public participation, debate, and respect for our colleagues regardless of their affiliation. We grieve for the families affected by Saturday’s tragedy and condemn those who would seek to use violence to further their political goals.

**On motion of Mr. O’Connor, the above remarks were ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.**

Ordered printed.

*Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill enhancing the market review process (House, No. 4653),-- ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2871;and by striking the title and inserting in place thereof the following title “An Act enhancing the health care market review process”.

Health care,--  
market review  
process.

*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 enhancing the market review process (House, No. 4653) (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 2871) shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Thursday, July 18, 2024.

Procedural order.  
SD3334

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 3:00 P.M, on Tuesday, July 16, 2024. All such amendments shall be second reading-amendments to the Senate Ways and Means new text (Senate, No. 2871), 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. O’Connor, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.**

**The bill will be considered on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for a second reading with the amendment pending.**

*Rports of Committees.*

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Order, granting the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security until July 17, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1490, 1493, 1496, 1500, 1508, 1509, 1510, 1511, 1512, 1529, 1535, 1541, 1542, 1543, 1545, 1546, 1547, 1548, 1555, and 1582, relative to Public Safety and Homeland Security(Senate, No. 2781),-- ought to be adopted.

Public Safety and  
Homeland  
Security,--  
extension order.

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

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Time of meeting.

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday next, at eleven o’clock A.M., in a full formal session with a calendar.

On motion of the same Senator, at sixteen minutes before twelve o’clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M.