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# JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



**MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024** 

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Monday, August 12, 2024.

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

Pledge of allegiance.

## Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Timilty) introduced interns Casey Olsen, Jina Kim and Sophia Kocial who are working in his office and recognized the 3 interns for their professional and dilgent work.

Senate interns.

#### Communication.

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr announcing the appointment of Stephanie Sladen, LICSW (pursuant to section 219 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) to serve as his designee to the commission on community behavioral health promotion and prevention (received August 12, 2024),-- was placed on file.

Special commission appointment.

## Report.

Report of the Division of Administrative Law Appeals (pursuant to Section 4H of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting its 2023 annual report (received August 8, 2024),-- was placed on file.

Div. of Administrative Law Appeals,-- annual report. SD3373

### Reports of a Committee.

By Ms. Edwards, for the committee on Housing, on petition, a Bill or a right of first refusal for foreclosed property (Foreclosure TOPA) (Senate, No. 626);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to guarantee a tenant's first right of refusal (Senate, No. 880);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to ensure protections for residents in condominium conversions (Senate, No. 867);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing the missing-middle starter home development and home ownership program (Senate, No. 874); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to manufactured housing communities (Senate, No. 875);

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

Foreclosures,-- first refusal.

Tenants,-- right of refusal.

Condo conversions,-residents. Starter home,-fund.

Manufactured housing communities.

#### PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Bills

#### UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Establishing an appointed treasurer for the city of Holyoke (House, No. 4748, changed,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Authorizing the town of Holliston to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4867,-- on House, No. 4176 on House, No. 4176) [Local approval received];

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

Message from Her Excellency the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor (pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts) returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill providing for the disposition of certain property in the town of Upton (see Senate, No. 2933) (Senate, No. 2938) (received in the office of the Clerk of the Senate on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at six minutes before four o'clock P.M.),—was read.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, the message was referred to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

#### PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the city of Waltham (see House, No. 4141) (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. Timilty) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

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

The House Bill relative to bidding requirements for certain affordable projects in the town of Westborough (House, No. 4679),-- was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The House Bill eliminating the age requirement for original certification of police officers in the city of Malden (House, No. 4526) (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.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Deerfield to continue the employment of police department members Michael W. Habel, Robert A. Thrasher and Mark Jacques (House, No. 4557) (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.

#### PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing recall methods for elected officials in the town of Lakeville (House, No. 4125,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

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.

Holyoke,-appointed treasurer.

Holliston,-- liquor license.

Upton,-- disposition of certain property.

Bill laid before the Governor.

Westborough,-affordable bidding requirements.

Malden,-- police officers.

Deerfield,-- police officers.

Lakeville,-- elected officials.

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# Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor:--

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Time of meeting.

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