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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Distinguished Guest.

There being no objection, the Chair (Ms. Jehlen) handed the gavel to Mr. Collins for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Collins then introduced, on the rostrum, Mr. Clarence Cooper. Mr. Cooper, who was accompanied by his family, is celebrating his 80th birthday and was honored for his civic engagement and commitment to the city of Boston. Mr. Cooper briefly addressed the Chamber. The Senate applauded his accomplishments, he was presented with a Senate Citation, signed the guest book and withdrew from the Chamber along with his family.

Mr. Clarence
Cooper.

Remarks of Mr. Clarence Cooper.

Good morning. It is still morning. My name is Clarence Cooper and I have been a resident in the city of Boston for fifty-one years, I think it is... and I love this place like nobody else loves anywhere else.

Remarks of Mr.
Clarence Cooper.

Let me firstly thank Senator Collins for the recognition he has been able to get for me, and besides that the wonderful work he has done with the organization that I have been associated with for fifty-two years, in all different aspects of committing and fulfilling the commitments to the city and to its members. Give Senator Collins a little round of applause I think he deserves it.

This morning, I was very fortunate to have some other lovely people come down with me to be in attendance and let me recognize them and I'll call them in order, I think it's by their age, don't ask me how young they are, I don't know myself, but I'll call them by their ages. So, my eldest son was unable to come because he had to work. My second son, he had surgery on a little injury, so he has been in the hospital for a few days. He is now out and doing well; he's unable to be here. But my third child is here and let me recognize Jinell and her two lovely daughters Jada and Jazmin who attended with her, please give them a little round of applause. Let me go to the next one, I may make a little mistake once in a while, but you can help correct me. My third son, Sean Cooper; and Sean is here with us today with his lovely wife, Aaradhana and two daughters, Amayay and Aminah, would you give them a round of applause for me. My next child and family member, let me make sure I am going it right, looks like it's Sherwyn, who is in attendance. Jemma is my wife. And my children have done well. So, who else, anybody I'm missing Jemma? Did I miss out any more of my grandchildren? And we have one young man here that we have adopted. Christian has been with us now twenty years; graduating from Boston University within the next two months, and he is a pride and joy to have as a son of ours. He is now our son and nice having you. Take a round of applause.

Senator, I thank you.

On motion of Mr. Collins the above remarks were ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Ordered printed.

Communications.

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

Communication from the Department of Public Health submitting its Arbovirus weekly report for the week of August 5, 2024 (received August 6, 2024); and

DPH,-- arbovirus report. SD3369

Communication from the Department of Public Health submitting its 2024 Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) legislative briefing report, and Arbovirus reports for the weeks of July 15 and July 22, 2024 (received July 22, 2024).

DPH, -- EEE & Arbovirus reports. SD3370

Reports.

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

Report of the Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council (pursuant to Section 2DDDDD of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2024 annual report (received August 5, 2024);

TRCC,-- annual report. SD3368

Report of the Massachusetts Life Insurance Community Investment Initiative (pursuant to Section 2(e) of Chapter 259 of the Acts of 1998) submitting its 2023 annual report and statement of financial condition (received July 15, 2024); and

MLICII,-- annual report. SD3371

Report of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (pursuant to Section 6A of Chapter 124 of the General Laws) submitting a revised Operational Capacity Report summary January 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024 (received August 8, 2024).

MSA,-- Operational Capacity report. SD3372

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Edwards, for the committee on Housing, on petition, a Bill promoting access to counsel and housing stability in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 864);

COVID-19,-- homelessness.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to transform the Commonwealth's emergency response system and create housing strategies to end the homelessness of unaccompanied adults (Senate, No. 873);

Homelessness,-- emergency response.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill for Chapter 40B reform and improvement (Senate, No. 885);

Chapter 40B,-- reform.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill ensuring affordability in perpetuity (Senate, No. 901); and

Low income housing,-- affordability.

By Mr. Eldridge, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, No. 982 and House, No. 1319, a Bill relative to treatment, not imprisonment (Senate, No. 2927);

Substance use,-- treatment.

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

By Ms. Edwards, for the committee on Housing, on petition, a Bill relative to accessory dwelling units (Senate, No. 904);

Accessory dwelling units.

Read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

By Mr. Cronin, for the committee on the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on Senate, No. 2844 and House, No. 4845, a Bill authorizing the town of Pembroke to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2935) [Local approval received on Senate, No. 2844 and House No. 4845]; and

Pembroke,-- liquor license.

By Ms. Edwards, for the committee on Housing, on petition, a Bill relative to

West Tisbury,--

affordable housing trust fund of the town of West Tisbury (Senate, No. 2702) [Local approval received];

affordable housing trust.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4986) of Christopher M. Markey (by vote of the town) that town of Dartmouth be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town;

Dartmouth,-- liquor license.

To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4987) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) relative to increasing the age limit for retired police officers serving as special police officers in the town of Weston; and

Weston,-- retired police officers.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4988) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the accidental disability retirement allowance payable to Misael Rodriguez, a retired officer of the police department of the city of Springfield, by Springfield retirement board

Misael Rodriguez,-- disability retirement.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Bills

Relative to town elections in the town of Hopkinton (House, No. 4203,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Hopkinton,-- town elections.

Relative to bidding requirements for certain affordable projects in the town of Westborough (House, No. 4679,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Westborough,-- affordable bidding requirements.

Relative to the expansion of a branch of the Boston Public Library within an affordable housing development in the West End Neighborhood of the downtown sections of the city of Boston (House, No. 4880,-- on House, No. 4770) [Local approval received on House, No. 4770];

Boston Public Library,-- expansion.

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

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill ensuring domestic violence victims' protections for all employees in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2479),-- ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2934).

Domestic violence,-
- protections.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The bill (Senate, No. 2934) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and, after remarks, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

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 Senate Bill authorizing the town of Westport to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises (Senate, No. 2858),-- **was read**

Westport,-- liquor licenses.

**a third time and passed to be engrossed.
Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The Senate Bill amending Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2018 and Sections 6-11 and 10-3 of the Lynn City Charter (Senate, No. 2783),-- was read a third time.

Lynn,-- charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Crighton presented an amendment substituting a new draft, entitled "An Act amending the charter of the city of Lynn" (Senate, No. 2936).

The amendment was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2936) was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the city of Waltham (House, No. 4141) (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.**

Waltham,-- special police officers.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Emergency Preamble Adopted; Engrossed Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Tewksbury to use a certain parcel of land for general recreational purposes (see Senate, No. 2916, 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.

Tewksbury,-- land.

The bill was signed by the Acting President, (Ms. Jehlen) and sent to the House for enactment.

Subsequently, the bill, which originated in the Senate, came from the House with the endorsement that it had been enacted in that branch.

The Senate then passed the bill to be enacted; and it was signed by the Acting President (Ms. Jehlen) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Montigny:--

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

Time of meeting.

On motion of Mr. Collins, at eleven minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.