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Thursday, August 22, 2024.

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Communications.

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

Communication from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to item 8000-0655 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its FY24 Emerging Adults Reentry Initiative Grant & Technical Assistance Provider Grant Report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received August 20, 2024);

EOPPS,-- EARIG & technical assistance report. SD3387

Communication from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to item 8000-0601 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its FY24 Commonwealth Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative Legislative Report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received August 20, 2024);

EOPSS,-- project safe neighborhoods report. SD3388

Communication from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to item 8000-1127 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its FY24 Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program Legislative Report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received August 20, 2024);

EOPPS,-- nonprofit security grant report SD3389

Communication from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to item 8100-0112 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its FY24 Commonwealth Restorative Justice Community Grant Legislative Report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and Joint Committee on the Judiciary) (received August 20, 2024);

EOPPS,-- restorative justice community report. SD3390

Communication from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to item 8000-0605 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its FY24 Human Trafficking Enforcement and Training Grant Program Report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received August 20, 2024);

EOPSS,-- human trafficking enforce & training report. SD3391

Communication from the Department of Public Health submitting its Arbovirus Weekly Report for the week of August 19, 2024 (received August 20, 2024); and

DPH,-- arbovirus report. SD3392

Communication from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (pursuant to Section 2YYYY of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its quarterly report on expenditures from the Substance Use Disorder Federal Reinvestment Trust Fund (SUD Trust Fund) that support the components of the roadmap for behavioral health reform (received August 20, 2024).

EOHHS,-- SUD Trust Fund quarterly report. SD3393

Report.

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to item 8000-

EOPSS,-- AED

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

0313 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its FY24 Automated External Defibrillators Equipment Grant Program Report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received August 20, 2024),-- **was placed on file.**

grant report.
SD3386

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 5008),-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.**

Terms of bonds.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5010) of Kate Donaghue (by vote of the town) relative to the department of public works in the town of Southborough;

Southborough,--
DPW.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5009) of Brandy Fluker Oakley (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to appoint Max Handerson a police officer, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Boston,-- Max
Handerson.

To the committee on Public Service.

Bills

Regarding the continued employment of a certain employee of the town of Oxford (House, No. 4797,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Oxford,-- Craig
Gagner.

Relative to means tested senior citizen property tax exemptions in the town of Westford (House, No. 4920,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Westford,-- senior
property tax
exemption.

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

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 Public Service be granted until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4510.

Public Service,--
extension order.

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

Pending the question on adoption of the order, Mr. Brady presented an amendment in line 2 by striking out the words “Wednesday, July 31, 2024” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “Tuesday, August 27, 2024”.

The amendment was adopted.

The order (House, No. 4811), as amended, was then adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Ordered, That notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Service be granted until Saturday, August 31, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 4724 and 4729.

Id.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Durant, and the order (House, No. 4851) was considered forthwith; and, was adopted, in concurrence.

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 town of Williamsburg to continue employment of Glen Everett beyond the age of 65 (House, No. 4769),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

Williamsburg,--
Glen Everett
employment.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the licensing authority of the town of Natick to establish minimum seating capacity for granting licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages or wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4187,-- on House, No. 3740) [Local approval received on House, No. 3740],-- was read.

Natick,-- liquor
licenses.

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

A Bill to amend chapter 336 of the acts of 2004 relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises of clubs or veterans' organizations in the town of Natick (House, No. 4865,-- on House, No. 3996) [Local approval received on House, No. 3996],-- was read.

Natick,-- veterans'
organizations liquor
licenses.

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

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill establishing recall methods for elected officials in the town of Lakeville (see House, No. 4125) (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. Collins) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill laid before the
Governor.

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 providing for alternate members on the conservation commission of the town of Mattapoisett (House, No. 4156) (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.**

Mattapoisett,--
conservation
commission.

The House Bill providing for an alternate member of the finance committee of the town of Mattapoisett (House, No. 4159) (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.**

Mattapoisett,--
finance committee.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Durant:--

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

Time of meeting.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Collins), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Mr. William H. Desmond.

Moment of silence.

Adjournment in Memory of Mr. William H. Desmond.

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Mr. William H. Desmond.

At the age of 83, William passed away unexpectedly at the veteran's transition group home, in Dorchester, on August 11, 2024.

He was the loving son of the late Francis and Maria (Schopp) Desmond. William graduated from Gate of Heaven Catholic High School in South Boston. He served in the United States Navy during Vietnam. William was an avid reader, book collector and book dealer for many years, up until he passed away.

He was extremely proud of achieving the title of Grand Marshall of the St. Patrick's Day parade in South Boston. William enjoyed marching in the parade every year.

He also enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a loving brother and uncle and will be dearly missed by all who loved him.

William is survived by his sister, Cassandra Costa of South Boston, and his niece, Mea Costa of Falmouth.

Mr. Desmond will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. William H. Desmond, at twenty-three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Oliveira, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.