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Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

Met at seven 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 August 26, 2024 (received August 26, 2024),-- was placed on file.

Emergency Housing Assistance Program,-- bi-weekly report. SD3396

Reports.

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

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 July 2024 (received August 26, 2024); and

A&F,-- July Resettlement Agency Report. SD3395

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Section 22 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its monthly approved and authorized training programs report as of August 22, 2024 (received August 26, 2024).

A&F,-- training programs report. SD3397

Petition.

Mr. Fattman presented a petition (accompanied by bill) of Ryan C. Fattman for legislation relative to arbovirus in the Commonwealth,-- and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Arbovirus,-- prevention. SD3394

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5034) of Natalie M. Blais (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a festival of the hills committee in the town of Conway,-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Conway,-- festival of the hills committee.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Comerford) "commending Stavros Center for Independent Living, Inc. and Rev Up Massachusetts for recognizing the week of September 9, 2024 as Disability Voting Rights Week."

Stavros Center for Independent Living, Inc. and Rev Up Massachusetts.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The Senate Bill amending the charter of the city of Lynn (Senate, No. 2936),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence *with an amendment*, striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of House document numbered 5023.

Lynn charter.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Durant, and the House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

A Bill including the city of Salem designated port area as part of the Salem Harbor port area (House, No. 4398,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Salem,-- port area.

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.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5036) of Kristin E. Kassner relative to ecological restoration projects;

Wetlands,-- restoration.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5037) establishing a sick leave bank for Michael David; and

Michael David,-- sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5038) of James J. O'Day and Robyn K. Kennedy relative to further defining a quorum of the Worcester Regional Retirement System Board Advisory Council;

Worcester Regional Retirement System Board Advisory Council.

Severally, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (both 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:

Bills laid before the Governor.

Dedicating the boat ramp at Bicentennial park in the city of Fall River as the State Representative Manuel Raposa Jr. boat ramp (see House, No. 4163, amended); and

Further regulating town elections in the town of Hopkinton (see House, No. 4203).
Moment of Silence.

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 Venique Etienne.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Durant,--

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

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Venique Etienne.

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Venique Etienne who passed away on Tuesday, August 6, 2024.

Beloved mother of Nesly Antoine, Leger Antoine and Myriame Antoine. She was the aunt of Antoine Junior Melay of Boston and the godmother of Elie Melay. she was the

middle child of 7 brothers and sisters (Edith Desailles, Jeanne Fernande Etienne, Jean Routechil Etienne, Rose Marie Augustin, Mean Etienne and Marie Jusline Etienne). Venique made the journey to the United States when she immigrated from Haiti in 1997 and settled in Boston thereafter. Her career in Boston's hospitality community would span decades. Venique was known as the best chef in the family.

She is survived by her siblings and many cousins, nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Venique will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Venique Etienne, at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Collins, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.