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Met at two 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.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the following guests were introduced:

The Chair (Mr. Collins) handed the gavel to Mr. Velis for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Velis then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, members of the State Partnership Program between the Massachusetts National Guard and Paraguay. Among the group were: Paraguay's Minister of Defense Oscar Gonzalez, the Adjutant General of Massachusetts, Major General Gary Keefe, and other members of the Massachusetts National Guard. This partnership was established in 2003 with a goal to promote long-term, enduring and mutually beneficial security relationships with friendly and allied nations around the globe and to exchange military skills and experience, share defense knowledge, and enhance partnership capacity and further mutual security cooperation. The Senate welcomed them with applause, Minister of Defense Gonzalez addressed the Chamber from the Rostrum, signed the guestbook, and withdrew from the Chamber.

State Partnership Program members.

The Chair (Mr. Collins) handed the gavel to Mr. Payano for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Payano then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, a delegation of local officials, leaders of the Presidential Committee for Decentralization and Balanced Development, and the Korea Evaluation Institute of Industrial Technology. The group was taking part in a visit that was organized by the South Korea Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy that would allow them to study how Massachusetts supports regional development and gateway cities. They were hosted by Jeevan Ramapriya, the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Office of International Trade and Investment, and Andre Leroux of MassINC. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

South Korean delegation.

Communication.

Communication from the Department of Revenue (pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) submitting a copy of its fiscal year 2024 annual report (received September 5, 2024),-- **was placed on file.**

DOR,-- FY24 annual report. SD3400

Report.

Report of the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (pursuant to Section 12 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its annual report on the current status of said corporation (received September 3, 2024),-- **was placed on file.**

MCRC Annual Report SD3399

Petition.

Mr. O'Connor presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick M. O'Connor and Patrick Joseph Kearney for legislation relative to establish a sick leave bank for Mary Katherine Sheehan, an employee of the trial court,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Mary Katherine Sheehan,-- sick leave. SD3398

Reports of Committees.

The following reports were placed in the Orders of the Day, the time within which the said committees were required to report having expired;

Of the committee on Cannabis Policy, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 58) of Michael O. Moore, Joanne M. Comerford and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. for legislation to establish an internal special audit unit within the Cannabis Control Commission.

Cannabis Control Commission.

Of the committee on Financial Services, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 720) of John C. Velis for legislation to strengthen the state credit union charter.

State credit union,-- merger.

Of the committee on Health Care Financing, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the:

Senate Bills

Relative to anesthesiologist assistants (Senate, No. 1347); and

Anesthesiologist assistants. Overdose prevention. Nurse licensure compact.

Preventing overdoses in the commonwealth (Senate, No. 2555); and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 747) of Barry R. Finegold for legislation relative to participation in the national nurse licensure compact agreement.

Of the committee on Higher Education, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10):

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 816) of Joanne M. Comerford, Paul W. Mark, Sal N. DiDomenico, Jack Patrick Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to commit to higher education the resources to insure a strong and healthy public higher education system; and

Higher education,-- resources.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 823) of James B. Eldridge, Manny Cruz, Jack Patrick Lewis, Vanna Howard and other members of the General Court for legislation to guarantee debt-free public higher education.

Higher education,-- debt.

Of the committee on Public Service, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1279) of Michael D. Brady, Vanna Howard, Susannah M. Whipps, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. and others for legislation relative to civil service adoption.

Civil service,-- adoption.

Of the committee on Transportation, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2199) of Michael J. Barrett, Lindsay N. Sabadosa, John F. Keenan, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to amend the statutory responsibilities of the Department of Public Utilities and establishing a commission on transportation safety oversight and regulation.

Transportation safety,-- commission.

Of the committee on Joint Ways and Means, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10):

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2365) of Adam Gomez, Michael O. Moore, Jack Patrick Lewis, Vanna Howard and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a zero carbon renovation fund; and

Zero Carbon Renovation Fund.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2366) of Bruce E. Tarr and F. Jay Barrows for legislation relative to the use of food security infrastructure grants.

Food security,-- grants.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Committee of Conference Report.

A report of the committee of conference of the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendments to the House Bill authorizing additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the city of Boston (House, No. 4696) (*amended by the Senate* by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2903),-- reported, a "Bill authorizing additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the city of Boston" (House, No. 5039),-- came from the House, and was read.

Boston,-- liquor licenses.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Miranda, and, after remarks, the report was accepted, in concurrence.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fattman) "congratulating Robert Briere on his lifetime achievement recognition by the Sturbridge Historical Society"; and

Robert Briere.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fattman) "congratulating Jean Travis on her retirement as director of the Webster Senior Center."

Jean Travis.

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 directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Wendy Pierre-Louis (House, No. 3732),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Boston,-- Wendy Pierre-Louis.

The House Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Terrance Joseph Williams (House, No. 4212) (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.**

Boston,-- Terrance Joseph Williams.

The House Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Nuias Daveiga (House, No. 4431) (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.**

Boston,-- Nuias Daveiga,

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill to rename the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, MassAbility, to reflect the self-determination and limitless possibilities of people with disabilities (see House, No. 4528, 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.

MassAbility.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Collins) and sent to the House

for enactment.

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), 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. Collins) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Amending the charter of the city of Lynn (see Senate, No. 2936, amended);

Bills laid before the Governor.

To rename the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, MassAbility, to reflect the self-determination and limitless possibilities of people with disabilities (see House, No. 4528, amended); and

Authorizing additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the city of Boston (see House, No. 5039).

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.

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