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Met at twenty-six minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Friedman 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. Friedman), 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 Health and Human Services (pursuant to line item 4000-0300 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its MassHealth September 2024 quarterly pharmacy pipeline report (received September 20, 2024); and

MassHealth,-- Sept. quarterly pharmacy pipeline report. SD3443
BSI,-- FY2024 fourth quarter report. SD3444

Communication from the Office of the Auditor (pursuant to item 0710-0200 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Bureau of Special Investigations quarterly report detailing and summarizing its activity during the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2024 (received September 20, 2024).

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5054) of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to appoint Alex Guzman a police officer in said city notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Boston,-- Alex Guzman employment.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5055) of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to provide certain death benefits for Pamela Thompson, the widow of Anthony Thompson, a former firefighter of the city of Boston;

Boston,-- Anthony Thompson death benefits.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Bills

Relative to the minimum years of service required to be eligible for a civil service promotion to the position of fire lieutenant in the town of Milford (House, No. 4782,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Milford,-- fire lieutenant promotion.

Authorizing the town of Milford to continue limited employment of certain police officers on superannuation retirement (House, No. 4896, amended,-- on House, No. 4783) [Local approval received on House, No. 4783];

Milford,-- police officers employment.

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

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (all 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 (Ms. Friedman) and laid

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before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Authorizing the town of Truro to establish a program to reduce property tax liability in exchange for volunteer services for persons with disabilities (see House, No. 3735);

Eliminating the residency requirement for the position of administrative assistant to the board of assessors of the city of New Bedford (see House, No. 4201);

Providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (see printed in, House, No. 5000); and

Providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (see printed in, House, No. 5008).

Bills laid before the Governor.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Joan B. Lovely for legislation relative to the partition of nominee trusts.

Partition,-- nominee trusts.
SD3427

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

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 Andover to convert a certain parcel of land for general municipal purposes (Senate, No. 2581),-- was read a third time.

Andover,-- land conveyance.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Finegold presented an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2955).

The amendment was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2955) was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Ashland as the Harold Wadhams Gates memorial bridge (House, No. 3883),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Ashland,-- Harold Wadhams Gates memorial bridge.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5056) of Kate Donaghue (by vote of the town) that town of Southborough be authorized to issue bonds or notes for the purpose of funding its portion of the unfunded pension liability of the Worcester regional retirement system;

Southborough,-- pension bonds.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5057) of Hannah Kane and Michael O. Moore for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Cheryl Collaro-Surette, an employee of the Department of Transportation;

Cheryl Collaro-Surette,-- sick leave.

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

Order.

The following House Order (approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) was considered forthwith as follows:

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Ordered, That notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Health Care Financing be granted until Tuesday, December 31, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1539 and 2546, and House documents numbered 2330 and 2381.

Health Care
Financing,--
extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the order (House, No. 4959) was considered forthwith; and, was adopted, in concurrence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

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 twenty-seven minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.