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Monday, September 9, 2024.

Met at seven 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 Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center dated August 30, 2024, for inspections on May 7, 8, 9, and 10, 2024 (received September 5, 2024); and

DPH,-- plan of correction. SD3410

Communication from the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office submitting an updated plan of corrective action following an inspection of Norfolk County Sheriff's Office Correctional Center and Dedham Alternative Center conducted on May 20, 2024 (received September 6, 2024).

Norfolk,-- updated POC. SD3411

Report.

Report of the Department of Higher Education (pursuant to Section 165(b) and Section 168 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its Massachusetts Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Initiative (MAICEI) Task Force final report (received September 5, 2024),-- was placed on file.

MAICEI,-- Task Force final report. SD3409

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2944) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) relative to the regulation of nutrient management and fertilizer in the town of Nantucket [Local approval received];

Nantucket,-- nutrient management regulations.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2942) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) to authorize the county of Nantucket to convey School Street situated in the town and county of Nantucket for purposes of conveyance to the town of Nantucket [Local approval received];

Nantucket,-- land conveyance.

By the same Senator, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2945) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the establishment of the Nantucket sewer commission and sewer districts in the town of Nantucket [Local approval received];

Nantucket Sewer Commission.

By the same Senator, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2946) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Nantucket conservation commission to convey a certain parcel of land situated in the town for purposes of conveyance to the town of Nantucket under the care, custody, management and control of the select board and the town of Nantucket to convey certain land in the town

Nantucket,-- land conveyance.

of Nantucket held for open space, passive recreation or conservation purposes to the Nantucket islands land bank for the purposes pursuant to its legislation and/or to the Sconset Trust, Inc. For open space, conservation and passive recreation purposes [Local approval received];

By the same Senator, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2947) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter for the town of Nantucket [Local approval received]; and

Nantucket,--
charter.

By the same Senator, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2948) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) for legislation to make the charter of the county on Nantucket gender neutral [Local approval received];

Id.

Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2949) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by the vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Nantucket to impose a real estate transfer fee for affordable and workforce housing and related capital improvements [Local approval received];

Nantucket,--
transfer fee.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) to authorize the town of Nantucket to issue pension obligation bonds or notes [Local approval received]; and

Nantucket,--
pension obligation
bonds.
SD3403
Tyisha Curenton,--
sick leave.
SD3401

By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Walter F. Timilty, Michael D. Brady, Bruce J. Ayers and William J. Driscoll, Jr. for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Tyisha Curenton, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance;

Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill designating a certain overpass in the city of New Bedford as the Andre Lopes Korean War Veteran Overpass (House, No. 4954, amended,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

New Bedford,--
Lopes Korean War
Veteran Overpass.

Bills

Relative to the charter and the town clerk in town of Grafton (House, No. 4684,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Grafton,-- town
charter.

Amending the town charter in the town of Grafton relative to transitional provisions of the charter (House, No. 4685,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Id.

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

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Durant) “commending the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration for its recognition of the week of September 22, 2024 as Frontotemporal Degeneration Awareness Week.”

Association for
Frontotemporal
Degeneration.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

There being no objection, the following matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The House Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Foxborough to select board (House, No. 3724) (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.**

Foxborough,--
board of selectmen.

The House Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Dunstable to select board (House, No. 4244) (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.**

Dunstable,-- select
board.

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 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;

Mary Katherine
Sheehan,-- sick
leave.
SD3398

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Durant, 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.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill increasing the age limit for the appointment of special police officers in the city of Springfield (House, No. 4822,-- on House, No. 4238) [Local approval received on House, No. 4238],-- was read.

Springfield,--
special police
officers.

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 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 (Mr. Collins) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Wendy Pierre-Louis (see House, No. 3732);

Bills laid before the
Governor.

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Terrance Joseph Williams (see House, No. 4212); and

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Nuias Daveiga (see House, No. 4431).

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.

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