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Met at eighteen 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.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointment by the Speaker:

Bill LeBeau, State Adjutant of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Massachusetts has been appointed to serve as his designee on the special commission established (under Section 152 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024) to Study and Develop Proposals for Ways to Improve the Quality of Life of Veterans in the Commonwealth.

Veterans Quality of Life Commission,-- appointment.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5068) of Daniel R. Carey (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Easthampton be authorized to amend the charter of said city relative to ranked choice voting,-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Easthampton,-- charter.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Fattman, Moore, Oliveira and Durant, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Miranda and Messrs. Mark, Gomez, O'Connor, Velis and Feeney) "congratulating the Massachusetts Association of Realtors on its one hundredth anniversary."

Massachusetts Association of Realtors.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill amending the charter of the town of Groton (see House, No. 4194) (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.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Mary Katherine Sheehan, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 5058, amended-- on petition),-- was read.

Mary Katherine Sheehan,-- sick leave.

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

Reconsideration.

Mr. Tarr moved that the Senate reconsider the vote by which, at the previous session it

Mary Katherine

had passed to be engrossed the Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Mary Katherine Sheehan, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (Senate, No. 2965).

Sheehan,-- sick leave.

The motion prevailed.

Pending the recurring question on passing the bill to be engrossed on motion of the same Senator, the bill was recommitted to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Subsequently, Mr. DiDomenico for the committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported that bill the be amended by substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2966) (also based on House, No. 5058).

The report was accepted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2966) was then passed to be engrossed.

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 House Bill amending the charter of the city of Greenfield (House, No. 3725, changed),-- was read a third time.

Greenfield,-- charter.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Ms. Comerford presented an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2960.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Charlemont to continue the employment of Dennis Annear as an on-call firefighter (House, No. 3988) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time.

Charlemont,--
Dennis Annear
employment.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Mark presented an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2962.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Rowe to continue the employment of Dennis Annear as an on-call firefighter (House, No. 3989) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time.

Rowe,-- Dennis
Annear
employment.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Mark presented an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2950

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

The House Bill increasing the membership of the board of sewer commissioners in the town of Northfield from 3 to 5 members (House, No. 4404) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time.

Northfield Board of
Sewer
Commissioners.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Ms. Comerford presented an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Eric J. Iwaniec, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 5053, amended,-- on petition),-- was read.

Eric J. Iwaniec,--
sick leave.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, 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. 5073) of Paul K. Frost for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Stephen Brophy, an employee of the Department of Correction;

Stephen Brophy,--
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5071) of Susan Williams Gifford that the Teachers' Retirement Board be directed to grant Thomas Brian Donnelly one year of creditable service and recalculate his superannuation retirement allowance;

Thomas Donnelly,--
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5074) of Paul K. Frost and David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf that the Worcester County Retirement Board be authorized to credit Nathan Hagglund, a member of the Worcester regional retirement system, with certain creditable service in the town of Leicester; and

Nathan Hagglund,--
creditable service.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5072) of Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida that the Boston Retirement Board be authorized to retire Brian C. McPherson, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department;

Brian C.
McPherson,--
disability pension.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 7B to the committee on Public Service.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr--

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.