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Thursday, October 31, 2024.

Met at ten 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.

Communication.

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader, announcing the appointment of Nate Mackinnon, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges (under Section 215 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) to the task force to study and make recommendations to improving quality and affordability of higher education in the commonwealth (received October 29, 2024),-- was placed on file.

Task force on higher education,-- appointment. SD3504

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to item 4510-0811 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its FY24 Children's Advocacy Centers report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received October 30, 2024);

DPH,-- CAC report. SD3506

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to item 4513-2020 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its School Telebehavioral Health Pilot Program report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery) (received October 30, 2024); and

DPH,-- School Telebehavioral Pilot report. SD3507

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to section 9 of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019) submitting its report on revenues and expenditures from the Massachusetts Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Trust Fund for FY23 (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Health) (received October 30, 2024).

DPH,-- CLPPP report. SD3508

Petition.

Ms. Friedman presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cindy F. Friedman for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kate Sout-Sorm, an employee of the department of transitional assistance,-- and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Kate Sout-Sorm,-- sick leave. SD3505

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officer for Antonio Pires (Senate, No. 2958) [Local approval received];

Boston,-- Pires police officer.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5085) of Ruth B. Balsler and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to residency requirements for members of the regular police or fire departments and fire alarm division of the city of Newton;

Newton,-- police and fire residency requirements.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5086) of Kristin E. Kassner and Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) that the town of Ipswich be authorized to increase income limits for the real property senior tax deferral program in said town;

Ipswich,-- senior tax deferral program.

To the committee on Revenue.

Bills

Designating April 5 as Okur-Chung Neurodevelopmental Syndrome Awareness Day (House, No. 4070,-- on petition); and

Okur-Chung Awareness Day.

Further defining a quorum of the Worcester Regional Retirement System Board Advisory Council (House, No. 5038,-- on petition);

Worcester Regional Retirement System Advisory Council.

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

A Bill amending the charter of the town of Bellingham (House, No. 4998,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Bellingham,-- charter.

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

Providing for a condominium conversion ordinance in the city of Salem (see House, No. 3722); and

Bills laid before the Governor.

Amending the charter of the town of Townsend (see House, No. 3728, amended).

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Mary Katherine Sheehan, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2966), 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.

Mary Katherine Sheehan,-- sick leave.

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

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) “congratulating Alexander Gangi on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

Alexander Gangi.

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

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

The Senate Bill amending chapter 25 of the acts of 2023 (Senate, No. 2714) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Rochester,--
Cranberry Highway
Smart Growth
District.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Report of a Committee.

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House bill designating a certain overpass in the city of New Bedford as the Andre Lopes Korean War Veteran Overpass (House, No. 4954, amended).

New Bedford,--
Lopes Korean War
Veteran overpass.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: "An Act designating a certain overpass in the city of New Bedford as the Andre Lopes Korean War Veteran overpass."

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5091) of John J. Marsi, Paul K. Frost and Ryan C. Fattman that the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District be authorized to convey certain land to the town of Charlton;

Charlton,-- land
conveyance.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5089) of Kip A. Diggs relative to the Cotuit Fire District; and

Cotuit Fire District.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5090) of Kip A. Diggs relative to authorizing the Cotuit Fire District to raise and appropriate money for the Historical Society of Santuit and Cotuit;

Id.

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

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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 Mr. Tarr, at twenty-six minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday at eleven o'clock A.M.