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Met at six minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger 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. Brownsberger), 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 Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Karen Adelman-Foster as co-chair (pursuant to Section 2A of Chapter 71B in the Massachusetts General Laws) to the Bureau of Special Education Appeals Council (received October 4, 2024); and

Bureau of Special Education Appeals Council,-- appt. SD3468

Communication from the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (under the provisions of item 1599-0514 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a copy of its bi-weekly report on the status of the Emergency Housing Assistance Program dated October 7, 2024 (received October 4, 2024).

Emergency Housing Assistance Program,-- bi-weekly report. SD3472

Reports.

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

Report of the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department (pursuant to Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting its report reflecting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of 2024 (received October 4, 2024);

Plymouth Sheriff,-- criminal justice report. SD3467

Report of the Franklin Regional Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its audited financial statements and supplementary information for the year ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 (received October 4, 2024); and

FRTA,-- auditors' reports. SD3469

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its monthly report on Temporary Respite Centers (received October 7, 2024).

A&F,-- temporary respite centers. SD3474

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Representative Lawn of Watertown has been appointed to serve as his designee (under Section 42 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) as House Chair of the Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Commission established within the Massachusetts Office of International Trade and Investment; and

Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Commission,-- appt.

Tanisha Deleon, Deputy Director of YOU Boston has been appointed to serve as his designee (under Section 149 of Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024) on the Special Legislative Commission established to study the Commonwealth's funding structure for violence prevention services.

Violence Prevention Services Commission,-- appt.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointments by the Minority Leader:

Representative Hannah Kane of Shrewsbury has been appointed to serve as his designee (under Section 42 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) on the Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Commission established within the Massachusetts Office of International Trade and Investment;

Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Commission,-- appt.

Representative Steven S. Howitt of Seekonk has been appointed to serve as his designee (under Section 201 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) on the Special Commission on Combatting Antisemitism;

Antisemitism Commission,-- appt.

Massachusetts Correction Officers Federated Union Legislative Representative Kevin Flanagan of Milford has been appointed to serve as his designee (under Section 214 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) on the special commission to study an examine opportunities for collaboration and consolidation among the department of correction, the county sheriffs, the parole board and the Office of Community Corrections; and

Correctional Consolidation and Collaboration Commission,-- appt.

Attorney Melissa Alden of Yarmouth Port has been appointed to serve as his designee (under Section 152 of Chapter 1178 of the Acts of 2024) on the special commission to study and develop proposals for ways to improve the quality of life of veterans in the Commonwealth.

Veterans Quality of Life Commission,-- appt.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5066) of Chris Walsh and others (by vote of the town) to that the town of Framingham be authorized to amend town meeting articles of said town,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Conway,-- festival of the hills fund.

Bills

Amending the charter of the town of Scituate (House, No. 4559, amended-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Scituate,-- charter.

Exempting the office of chief of police in the town of Leicester from the civil service law (House, No. 4651,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Leicester,-- chief of police.

Relative to extending the period of the service of the current police chief in the town of Leicester (House, No. 4652,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Id.

Authorizing the Dudley Town Administrator to sign warrants (House, No. 4887,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Dudley,-- town administrator.

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

Emergency Preamble Adopted; Engrossed Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill relative to Medicaid managed care incentive initiative payment mechanisms to the non-state-owned public hospitals (see House, No. 4934, 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.

Medicaid payments.

The bill was signed by the Acting President, (Mr. Brownsberger) and sent to the House for re-enactment.

Subsequently, the bill, which originated in the House, came from the House with the endorsement that it had been enacted in that branch.

The Senate then passed the bill to be re-enacted; and it was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fattman) “commending Saint Asdvadzadzin Armenian Apostolic Church of Whitinsville on its celebration of the twenty-ninth anniversary of the pontificate of His Holiness Catholicos Aram I.”

Saint Asdvadzadzin
Armenian Apostolic
Church.

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 relative to the uniform child custody jurisdiction and enforcement act (Senate, No. 2961),-- was read a third time.

Child custody,--
jurisdiction.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. DiDomenico for the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, reported, recommending that the bill be amended, as follows, and when so amended it be correctly drawn: in section 3 by striking out the words “December 31, 2024” and inserting in place thereof the words “April 1, 2025”.

The report was accepted.

The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the one-year anniversary of the Hamas attacks in Israel.

Moment of silence.

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-five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.