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Thursday, January 9, 2025.

Met at seven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger in 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 Massachusetts State House Press Association (pursuant to Joint Rule 32) submitting a list of the legislative reporters who constitute the Massachusetts State House Press Association and the State House Broadcasters Association (received January 7, 2025).

State House Press Association. SD60

Communication from the Auditor of the Commonwealth (pursuant to Section 12 of Chapter 11 of the General Laws) relative to a preliminary request for documents (received January 6, 2025);

Auditor,-- preliminary document request. SD154

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Senator Mark C. Montigny (pursuant to Section 32 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024) to the Assisted Living Residence commission (received January 8, 2025);

Assisted Living Residence commission,-- appt. SD145

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the re-appointment of Guimel DeCarvalho (pursuant to Section 66 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (received January 8, 2025);

MA Commission on the Status of Women,-- appt. SD147

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader, announcing the following Senators have been appointed to serve as members of the temporary committees on:

Minority party,-- appointments. SD180

Temporary Senate Committee on Bills in the Third Reading:

Senator Bruce E. Tarr.

Temporary Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

Senator Patrick M. O'Connor

Senator Ryan C. Fattman

Senator Kelly A. Dooner; and

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the re-appointment of Meegan Best-Simpson (pursuant to Section 69 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the commission on the status of grandparents raising grandchildren (received January 9, 2025).

Grandparents raising grandchildren commission,-- appt. SD220

Reports.

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

Report of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (pursuant to Section 39M1/2 (l) of Chapter 30 of the General Laws) submitting its MassDOT 2024

MassDOT,-- 2024 Owners representative annual

Owners Representative annual reports (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation) (received January 3, 2025);

Report of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (pursuant to Section 12A of Chapter 6C of the General Laws) submitting its Performance and Asset Management System report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation) (received January 3, 2025);

Report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to Section 94(p) of Chapter 71 of the General Laws) submitting its Commonwealth Virtual Schools FY22 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Education) (received January 3, 2025);

Report of the Trial Court Department of Research and Planning (pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 205 Of the Acts of 2008) submitting its Further Protecting Children FY2024 annual report (a copy having been forwarded to the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary) (received January 6, 2025);

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 18N(b) Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2014) submitting its Massachusetts State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team 2024 report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities and the Joint Committee on the Judiciary) (a copy will be forwarded to the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received January 6, 2025);

Report of the Cape and Islands District Attorney (pursuant to Section 6 Chapter 258B of the General Laws) submitting its Victim & Witness Rights Program annual report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received January 7, 2025); and

Report of the Plymouth County Sheriff (pursuant to Section 84 Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) submitting its Criminal Justice fourth quarter 2024 annual report (a copy having been forwarded to the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary) (a copy will be forwarded to the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received January 7, 2025).

reports.
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MassDOT,--
Highway
performance and
asset report.
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DESE,-- FY22
Virtual schools
report.
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Trial Court,--
Protecting Children
FY2024 annual
report.
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EOPSS,-- Domestic
Violence Fatality
2024 report.
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Cape and Islands
DA,-- Victim &
Witness rights report.
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Plymouth Sheriff,--
Criminal justice
report.
SD120

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Representative Matthew Muratore of Plymouth has been appointed to serve as his designee (under Section 32 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024) on the Assisted Living Residences Commission;

Representative David K. Muradian, Jr. of Grafton 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 and examine opportunities for collaboration and consolidation among the department of correction, the county sheriffs, the parole board and the office of community corrections; and

Representative Marcus S. Vaughn. of Wrentham has been appointed to serve as his designee (under Section 305 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) on the special working group on youth sports charged with conducting an investigation and study of the current state of youth sports.

Assisted Living
Residences
Commission,-- appt.

Collaboration of
DOC, sheriffs, parole
board and OCC
commission,-- appt.

Youth sports working
group,-- appt.

Resolutions.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Finegold and Collins, Ms. Miranda, Messrs. Barrett, Brady and Brownsberger, Ms. Creem, Messrs. Crighton, Cronin, Cyr, DiDomenico, Driscoll, Durant and Eldridge, Ms. Friedman, Messrs. Gomez, Keenan and Kennedy, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Lovely and Messrs. Montigny, Moore, O'Connor, Oliveira, Payano, Tarr, Rush and Velis) “commending the Los Angeles County Fire Department and other first responders on their bravery and heroism in fighting the devastating wildfires in Los Angeles County.”

Los Angeles County
Fire Department.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Spilka,--

Ordered, that notwithstanding Senate Rule 12 or any other rule to the contrary, until such time as permanent committees are appointed, there shall be a temporary committee on Ways and Means and a temporary committee on Bills in the Third Reading. The membership of each temporary committee created by this order shall consist of the same members on the committees in the 193rd General Court.

Temporary Ways and
Means & Bills in the
Third Reading
committees.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Feeney, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Taken from the Files.

Communication from the Auditor of the Commonwealth relative to a preliminary request for documents,-- was taken from the files.

Auditor,-- document
request.
SD154

On motion of Mr. Feeney, the matter was referred to the Subcommittee on chapter 250 of the acts of 2024.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Durant,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Time of meeting.

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