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Met at eleven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Collins in the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. Collins) members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Collins) introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, President and Chief Executive of ZIM Integrated Shipping Services Eli Glickman. President Glickman was recognized for his innovative shipping, data-driven strategies and tailored solutions and for his partnership with the Massachusetts Port Authority and the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts. He was accompanied by Richard Davey, CEO of the Massachusetts Port Authority. President Glickman was presented a Senate Citation, addressed the Senate from the Rostrum and withdrew from the Chamber. He was the guest of Senators Collins and Finegold.

Eli Glickman.

Report.

Report of the Plymouth County Sheriff (pursuant to Section 84 Chapter 69 of the Acts 2018) submitting its First Quarter Criminal Justice Reform 2025 report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received April 3, 2025), --was placed on file.

PCS,-- 1st Quarter Criminal Justice Reform 2025 report. SD2805

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cronin, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John J. Cronin for legislation relative to Chapter 23N sensitive information and privacy; and

Sports wagering,-- privacy. SD2807 Berkshire County, - assistant clerks. SD2806

By Mr. Mark, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul W. Mark for legislation to increase first assistant clerks in Berkshire County;

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to validating the results of the special election held in the town of Hardwick on January 18, 2025 (House, No. 4004),-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Hardwick,-- special election.

The following petitions, having been timely filed by five o'clock P.M. on January 17, 2025, were referred in concurrence as follows:

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3981) of Kip A. Diggs for legislation to establish a pilot program to support high impact fisheries;

Fisheries,-- pilot program.

To the committee on Agriculture.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3982) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf relative to recycling cannabis infused beverages;

Recycling,-- cannabis beverages.

To the committee on Cannabis Policy.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3983) of Kip A. Diggs for legislation to establish a workforce training trust fund for emerging technologies;

Workforce training trust fund.

To the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3984) of Kip A. Diggs relative to watershed restoration; and

Watershed restoration.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3985) of Andres X. Vargas and Mindy Domb relative to mattress recycling;

Recycling,-- mattress.

Severally to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3986) of Kip A. Diggs relative to patient discharges;

Patient discharges.

To the committee on Financial Services.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3987) of Kip A. Diggs relative to dental care for MassHealth recipients;

MassHealth,-- dental care.

To the committee on Health Care Financing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3988) of Kip A. Diggs for legislation to establish the Barnstable home center for housing resources;

Barnstable,-- home center.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3989) of Kip A. Diggs relative to seasonal community housing; and

Seasonal communities,-- housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3990) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and Russell E. Holmes relative to tenants and small property owners;

Property owners,-- tenants.

Severally to the committee on Housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3991) of Kip A. Diggs for legislation to further regulate homesteads; and

Homesteads,-- regulations.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3992) of Rita A. Mendes relative to trials for personal injuries involving a motor vehicle accident;

Motor vehicle accident,-- trials.

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3993) of Kip A. Diggs relative to hiring practices;

Employment,-- hiring practices.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3994) of Rita A. Mendes relative to worker related insurance settlements; and

Worker,-- insurance settlement.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3995) of James J. O'Day and Tara T. Hong relative to protecting workers from extreme temperatures and heat or cold stress;

Worker,-- extreme temperatures.

Severally to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3996) of Michelle L. Badger relative to zoning restrictions for solar systems; and

Solar systems,-- zoning.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3997) of Dennis C. Gallagher for legislation to establish the suburban infrastructure fund to help municipalities pay for improvements and upgrades to town-owned roads, bridges and sidewalks;

Municipal improvements,-- fund.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3998) of Kip A. Diggs and James C. Arena-DeRosa that the Division of Highways be authorized to establish a program to promote the cultivation and maintenance of native flowering plants, grasses and shrubs on land bordering along state highways and other public lands; and

Division of Highways,-- native plantings.

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Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3999) of Kip A. Diggs that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation be authorized to establish a program to mitigate roadway stormwater runoff and contribute to watershed restoration efforts;

DOT,-- watershed restoration.

Severally to the committee on Transportation.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4002) of Kip A. Diggs relative to benefits for disabled veterans and their families;

Disabled veterans,-
- benefits.

To the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Reports

Of the committee on Financial Services, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1278) of James J. O'Day and others relative to wheelchair warranty protections, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Wheelchairs,--
repair requirements.

Of the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1358) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to health care research and decision-making centered on patients and persons with disabilities;

Disabled persons,-
- health care research.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1362) of Carole A. Fiola relative to defining certain invasive surgical procedures;

Surgical procedures.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1374) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to establish a state-wide drug repository program;

Drug repository program.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1389) of Joseph D. McKenna for legislation to prohibit the use of state funds for Planned Parenthood Federation of America; and

Planned Parenthood,--
funding.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1400) of Edward R. Philips for legislation relative to maintenance of certification;

Physicians,--
certification.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Public Health.

Of the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2600) of Carol A. Doherty, David T. Vieira and James K. Hawkins for legislation to establish the PFAS research and development public safety fund,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources; and

PFAS,--public safety fund.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2645) of Daniel J. Hunt for legislation to require sex offenders to submit a current color photograph to the sex offender registry,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary;

Sex offender registry.

Were severally considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Dooner,--

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

Time of meeting.

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