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Met at eight minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Timilty 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. Timilty), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, on Senate No. 2598, reported, in part, a "Bill authorizing waiver of the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits (Senate, No. 2599).

Unemployment,-- waiver.

The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, and the bill was read a second time, and after remarks was ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: "An authorizing waiver of the 1-week waiting period for unemployment benefits".

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 authorizing the town of Norwood to continue the employment of police chief William G. Brooks, III (House, No. 2356),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Norwood,-- William G. Brooks, III.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jessica Renehan, an employee of the department of conservation and recreation (House, No. 4410),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Jessica Renehan,-- sick leave.

The House Bill relative to the gender neutral redraft of the home rule charter of the town of Easton (House, No. 3984),-- was read a third time.

Easton,-- charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Messrs. Brady and Timilty presented an amendment that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate, No. 2600.

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

Engrossed Bills.

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The following engrossed bills (all 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. Timilty) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Bills laid before the Governor.

Authorizing the city known as the town of Watertown to grant 15 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4241);

Authorizing the town of Reading to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (see House, No. 4243); and

Relative to the town treasurer, town tax collector, and town clerk of the town of Chester (see House, No. 4283).

Emergency Preamble Adopted; Engrossed Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill authorizing waiver of the 1-week waiting period for unemployment benefits (see Senate, No. 2599), 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 3 to 0.

Unemployment benefits.

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

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

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

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 relative to strengthening the local and regional public health system (House, No. 4503) (the committee on Ways and Means having recommended that the bill be amended striking out all after the enacting clause at and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2594; and by inserting before the enacting clause at the following emergency preamble:

Regional public health system.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to defeat its purpose, which is to strengthen forthwith the local and regional public health system, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., and the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at twenty-one minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the

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Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.