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Thursday, August 3, 2023.

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

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

Pledge of allegiance.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The following petitions, having been timely filed by five o'clock P.M. on January 20, 2023, were referred in concurrence as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4029) of Mike Connolly relative to the estate tax;

Estate tax.

To the committee on Revenue.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4030) of David T. Vieira for legislation to designate a certain bridge on state Route 28 in the town of Falmouth as the Kevin P. Quinn memorial bridge;

Falmouth,-- Childs River Overpass.

To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4025) of Patrick Joseph Kearney and Josh S. Cutler (by vote of the town) that the town of Marshfield be authorized to grant three additional liquor licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises and three additional licenses for alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town;

Marshfield,-- liquor licenses.

To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4026) of Sean Garballey, Cindy F. Friedman and David M. Rogers (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the town manager act for the town of Arlington relative to the appointment of the town manager; and

Arlington,-- town manager.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4027) of Sean Garballey, Cindy F. Friedman and David M. Rogers (by vote of the town) for legislation to allow print free digital legal notices for the town of Arlington;

Arlington,-- digital legal notices.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4028) of Sean Garballey, Cindy F. Friedman and David M. Rogers (by vote of the town) that the town of Arlington be exempt from certain provisions of the civil service law relative to the recruitment and hiring of full time permanent police officers;

Arlington,-- police officer hirings.

To the committee on Public Service.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Mark) "commending the Sheffield Historical Society, Inc. on recognizing the two hundred forty-second anniversary of the Brom and Bett v. Ashley

Sheffield Historical Society, Inc.

Decision.”

Report of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation relative to intervenors and utility work.

Utility work,--
intervenors.
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The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. 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 Senate Bill authorizing the town of Provincetown to continue the employment of Michael Trovato (Senate, No. 1642),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Provincetown,--
Michael Trovato.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Thomas Hartley, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 3966),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Thomas Hartley,--
sick leave.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2431), a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jody Ricketson, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (Senate, No. 2433);

Jody Ricketson,--
sick leave.

The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4043) of Michael S. Day and Michelle L. Ciccolo that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall convey to the town of Winchester certain land in said town for the purpose of facilitating a transit-oriented development including affordable housing; and

Winchester,-- land.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4044) of David T. Vieira for legislation to designate a certain bridge on state Route 28 in the town of Falmouth as the Kevin P. Quinn memorial bridge;

Falmouth,-- Childs
River Overpass.

Severally, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Transportation.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Crighton), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Richard D. Wilson.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--
Ordered, That, when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday

Time of meeting.

next at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Adjournment in Memory of Richard D. Wilson.

The Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, presented a request that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Richard D. Wilson of Gloucester who passed away peacefully on July 20, 2023.

Richard was the son of the late Robert and Alice (Dennett) Wilson, and he was born in Gloucester on October 11, 1940, preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Barbara (Fitz) Wilson.

Richard was a standout baseball and basketball player for Gloucester High School and was a graduate of the Gloucester High School Class of 1958.

Richard attended Bates College where he met the love of his life. He and Barbara married in 1960 and transferred to the University of Massachusetts in Amherst where Dick was a star pitcher on the baseball team. After college, Dick had a brief stint in the Majors before moving to Jonquiere, Quebec, Canada to continue playing professional baseball.

As their family grew, they moved back to Gloucester where Dick began his career in the insurance business and became active in the local Gloucester community. Dick served on the school committee from 1966-1980 with a long period as chairman. He was a passionate supporter of youth sports, coaching Little League baseball for 15 years.

He also supported the Boston homeless community by taking a leadership role in the public/private partnership with the Pine Street Inn. He was also an active member of the Gloucester community supporting various charities, including Wellspring, The Open Door, Gloucester Fisherman Athletic Association, Gloucester Education Foundation, Gloucester Little League, The Newell Stadium Renewal, The Magnolia Pier, and The Young Legends Ball Hockey Rink in Stage Fort Park.

Among his many honors, he was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award of the Yankee Clipper Council (Boy Scouts of America) and the Linzee Coolidge philanthropic award. The Little League field at O'Malley Innovation Middle School is named Wilson Field after him. In 2020, The Open-Door food pantry established the Dick Wilson Upsizer Award.

Richard is survived by his five sons and spouses: Rick and Roberta, Glenn, Steve, Gary and Noell, Chris and Lauren; grandchildren: Drew, Cam, Dylan, Hattie, Faith, Samuel, Elliott, Winnie, Hugh, Sara, Abby, and Hannah; also, nephew Bobby, nieces Donna Keczyk and Sandra Misuraca. He was preceded in death by brother, Robert.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Richard D. Wilson, at eighteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Fattman, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.