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Thursday, June 30, 2022.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tributes.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess, and at the request of Representatives LeBoeuf of Worcester, O’Day of West Boylston, Mahoney of Worcester, Donahue of Worcester and Keefe of Worcester, the members, guests and employees stood for a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Dr. Barbara Ann Spence who passed away on Wednesday, June 8.

Dr. Spence was a Professor and Chair of the Human Service Division at Quinsigamond Community College. She also worked as Director of Admissions at the former St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing. Dr. Spence was a recipient of numerous awards, including the National Education Association’s Carter G. Woodson Award, and she was a leader in the African American community. Dr. Spence served as a role model for others and will be truly missed.

She leaves two cousins, Hazel and Ronald; her son William’s companion, Charlene Mays; two granddaughters, Monique Spence, and Nicole Smith; six great-grandchildren; former daughter-in-law, Debra Spence; and many cousins and friends. Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with her family and friends as we mourn her passing.

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Early in his career, Stan worked many years for the Worcester Redevelopment Authority. He followed with a management position with the Worcester Housing Authority, including programs to help rehabilitate the three-decker housing stock in Worcester. He went on to administer community block grant funds for the Boston regional office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for 13 years, retiring in 2004. A serious fan of the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots, Stan also enjoyed exploring the southern coast of Maine by boat, playing golf, and growing vegetables in his garden. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and uncle and will be truly missed.

Stan leaves his wife of 52 years, Patricia A. (Bergin) Matthews; two sons, Paul of Worcester, and Brian and his wife Wendy of Maine; four grandchildren; a sister...
Elaine Wolf and her husband Douglas; and many nieces and nephews. Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with his family and friends as we mourn his passing.

*Petitions.*

Ms. Garlick of Needham presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4964) of Denise C. Garlick (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment of a tenant member to the board of the Needham Housing Authority in the town of Needham; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Tucker of Salem and Senator Lovely presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul F. Tucker and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to bidding requirements for the state-funded public housing project known as Lee Fort Terrace in the city of Salem; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on the Judiciary be granted until June 30, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 47, 368, 920, 932, 937, 945, 946, 976, 989, 1014, 1035, 1037, 1048, 1051, 1057, 1091, 1112, 1133 and 2607 relative to judicial matters.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order (Senate, No. 2835) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on the Judiciary be granted until June 30, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2791 and 2810 relative to judiciary matters.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order (Senate, No. 2849) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on the Judiciary be granted until June 30, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2378 and 2868 relative to judicial matters.
Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order (Senate, No. 2906) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill providing for a certain payment in lieu of tax agreement with owners of Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant in the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4768) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on House, No. 2067, a Bill regarding consistent care for addiction rooted in evidence (House, No. 4947).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2089, a Bill to ensure the constitutional rights and human dignity of prisoners on mental health watch (House, No. 4948).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2117, a Bill relative to benzodiazepines and non-benzodiazepine hypnotics (House, No. 4962).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.


Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on House, No. 2090, a Bill establishing a special commission to study and report on the history of state institutions for people with developmental and mental health disabilities in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4961). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.
Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Ipswich as the Global War on Terror memorial bridge (Senate, No. 2380), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

House bills
Establishing a pilot program allowing for in-person payment of daily parking fees at certain commuter rail stations operated by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (House, No. 3461); and
Relative to recall elections in the town of Granby (House, No. 4549);
Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The Senate Bill authorizing the treasurer of the town of Middleborough to pay from available funds to Middleborough High School students, parents or guardians amounts paid but not reimbursed for the costs of the 2020 senior trip (Senate, No. 2518); and
House bills
Authorizing the town of Shutesbury to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4559);
Expanding the exemption for residential property in the town of Wellfleet (House, No. 4649);
Relative to the Swansea Water Commissioner health benefits (House, No. 4651); and
Relative to changing the Swansea Water District Commissioner election and term (House, No. 4652);
Severally were read a second time; and they were ordered to a third reading.

The Senate Bill amending the charter of the town of Sutton (Senate, No. 2799), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly, was read a third time.
Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by striking out sections 11 and 12 and inserting in place thereof the following three sections:

“SECTION 11. Subsection (f) of said section 3-1 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘board of selectmen’, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 12. Said subsection (f) of said section 3-1 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the word ‘selectman’, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board member.

SECTION 12A. Said Subsection (f) of said section 3-1 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the word ‘selectmen’, each time it
appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board members.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2799, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At twenty-five minutes before twelve o’clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.