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Thursday, March 22, 2012.

Met at one minute past one o'clock P.M. (Mr. Brewer in the Chair) .

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the President handed the gavel to Ms. Chandler for the purpose of an introduction. Ms. Chandler then introduced, on the Rostrum, United States Surgeon General, Dr. Regina M. Benjamin. Dr. Benjamin is in Massachusetts this week to celebrate the one year anniversary of the Affordable Care Act and to introduce the National Prevention Strategy, a federal initiative to increase the number of Americans who are healthy at every stage of their lives. Dr. Benjamin addressed the Senate from the Rostrum, signed the guest book and withdrew from the Chamber. She was also the guest of Senator Richard T. Moore and Representative Jason Lewis.

There being no objection, the President handed the gavel to Mr. Knapik for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Knapik then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Victoria, Rebecca and Marissa from Girls Incorporated of Holyoke. The girls are participating in Afterschool and Learning Opportunities Advocacy Day at the State House. They were accompanied by Director of After-School Programs Daisy Jimenez and Leadership Specialist Ashley Ewick. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

There being no objection, the President handed the gavel to Ms. Chang-Diaz for the purpose of an introduction. Ms. Chang Diaz then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Honorable James Hennigan, Jr. Senator Hennigan first served in the House of Representatives and in 1954 was elected to the Senate, serving until 1964. He was visiting the State House to celebrate his 85th birthday. He addressed the Senate from the Rostrum, was welcomed with applause and withdrew from the Chamber. He was also the guest of Senators Rush and Joyce.

There being no objection, the President handed the gavel to Mr. Tarr for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Tarr then introduced in the rear of the Chamber, Erin Pratt from Rockport. On September 2, 2011, Erin courageously dove into the rip-tide waters at Good Harbor Beach in Gloucester to rescue a swimmer in distress and return her safely to shore. Only moments after this dramatic rescue, Erin was back in the water to rescue a 10-year-old and 12-year-old brother and sister, placing one of the siblings on a rescue board and firmly securing the other to a rescue tube to lead them back to shore. She was presented with a Senate Resolution on the Rostrum, was applauded for her heroic actions and withdrew from the Chamber.

Communication

A communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader, announcing (pursuant to Section 190 of Chapter 68 of the Acts of 2011) the appointment of Mr. David Abdoo of Lawrence to the Special Commission to make an investigation and study of the need to incentivize the Commonwealth's college scholarship system,-- **was placed on file.**

Petition.

By Mr. Donnelly, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kenneth J. Donnelly for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of Billerica as the Helen Knight Bridge;

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

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 263), a Bill relative to medication technician (Senate, No. 2181);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 270), a Bill to improve the senior care options program (Senate, No. 2182);

By Mr. Petrucci, for the committee on Financial Services, on petition, a Bill relative to false, fraudulent or misleading statements (Senate, No. 408); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 419 and 466, a Bill to promote health care cost containment through select and tiered network plans (Senate, No. 419);

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

By Mr. Petrucci, for the committee on Financial Services, on petition, a Bill authorizing the conversion of banks to another charter (Senate, No. 457);

By Mr. Wolf, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on petition, a Bill strengthening wage enforcement (Senate, No. 917);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill further defining comparable work (Senate, No. 931);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to health and safety on public construction projects (Senate, No. 935);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to penalties for workplace violations (Senate, No. 944);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill limiting indemnity and insurance responsibility for general contractors and subcontractors in construction work (Senate, No. 953);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to provide further transparency in public construction (Senate, No. 958);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to promote increased rates of employment (Senate, No. 966);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to combat tax and insurance fraud (Senate, No. 968); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill clarifying parental rights to unpaid leave (Senate, No. 1863);

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Wolf, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on petition, a Bill establishing uniform wage compliance and record keeping (Senate, No. 924);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to climate conditions in public schools (Senate, No. 952);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to fair retainage payments in private construction (Senate, No. 956);

By Mr. Welch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1012), a Bill enhancing the identification of taxicab operators (Senate, No. 2180);

By Ms. Clark, for the committee on Revenue, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1502), a Bill providing taxpayers a hearing at the appellate tax board (Senate, No. 2187); and

By Mr. Donnelly, for the committee on State Administration and regulatory Oversight, on Senate, Nos. 1581 and 1582 and House, No. 1740, a Bill relative to the inspection of campus police logs (Senate, No. 1582);

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Ethics and Rules.

Committees Discharged.

Mr. Berry, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the Senate Bill creating a special commission on institutional long term care services (Senate, No. 267);

Of the Senate Bill establishing a special commission to promote prescription pharmaceutical affordability in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 285);

Of the Senate Bill relative to manufactured housing communities (Senate, No. 614); and

Of the Senate Bill relative to a special commission to develop 401(k) plans for small businesses (Senate, No. 1842);

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the Senate committee on Ethics and Rules.

Under Senate Rule 36, the reports were severally considered forthwith and accepted.

Mr. Brownsberger, for the committee on Public Service, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1344) of Richard T. Moore for legislation relative to the fair treatment of certain teachers' retirement benefits.-- **and recommending that the same be referred to the Senate committee on Ways and Means. Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted. Sent to the House for concurrence in the discharge of the joint committee.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3842) of Cleon H. Turner, Sarah K. Peake and Daniel A. Wolf (by vote of the town) providing local aid enhancement for the town of Brewster.-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.**

Bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Pearlene Odom, an employee of the Department of Transportation (House, No. 3910,-- on petition); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Mary M. Stanton, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (House, No. 3972,-- on petition);

Were severally read, and under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

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

That Representative Richard Bastien of Gardner has been appointed to serve as his designee established (under Section 35EE of Chapter 10 of the Massachusetts General Laws) to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Commonwealth Covenant Fund.

There being no objection, at two minutes past one o'clock P.M., the Chair (Mr. Brewer) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and, at twelve minutes before two o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair.

The President, members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hedlund) "congratulating Benjamin Cassman on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hedlund) "congratulating Robert Joseph Hillman on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hedlund) "congratulating Jack Martin Thomae on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout"; and

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Montigny and Welch) "supporting the inclusion of Taiwan in international organizations and agreements";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Richard T. Moore) "congratulating Richard Ranieri on his retirement as Chief of the Bellingham Fire Department"; and

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Rush, Brewer and Brownsberger, Ms. Chang-Diaz, Mr. DiDomenico, Ms. Fargo, Mr. Hart, Ms. Jehlen, Messrs. Montigny, Michael O. Moore and Richard T. Moore, Ms. Murray, and Messrs. Petruccelli, Tarr and Timilty) "congratulating the Honorable James W. Hennigan, Jr. on his eighty-fifth birthday."

At ten minutes before two o'clock P.M., Mr. Tarr doubted the presence of a quorum; and at nine minutes before two o'clock P.M., the President declared that a quorum was present.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

A Bill relative to the Duration of Contract with the Chief of Police in the Town of Natick (House, No. 3333,-- on petition),--**was read.**

There being no objection, the rules were suspended on the motion, of Mr. Hedlund, and the bill was read a second time.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Ms. Spilka moved that the bill be amended by striking out, in line 2, the words "or any other general or special law to the contrary".

The amendment was adopted.

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, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: "An Act relative to the duration of contracts for the position of chief of police in the town of Natick."

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

A Bill relative to the procurement and award of contracts for certain affordable housing in the city of Boston (House, No. 3853,-- on House, No. 3523) [Local approval received on House, No. 3523],-- **was read.**

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Clark, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

A Bill relative to a certain parcel of land in the town of Freetown (House, No. 3953,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Downing, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3957) of Demetrius J. Atsalis, Cleon H. Turner and Randy Hunt (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to sewer betterment assessments in the town of Barnstable,-- **came from the House, having been referred to the committee on the Municipalities and Regional Government.**

The Senate NON-concurred in the reference to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

On motion of Ms. Spilka, the petition was referred to the committee on Revenue.

Sent to the House for its action.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Berry, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Frederick E. Berry for legislation to promote excellence in public schools;

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Berry, and the report was considered forthwith; Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Education.

By Mr. Berry, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate petition Daniel A. Wolf (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to borrowing for and the term and apportionment of betterments and assessments for sewer projects in the town of Barnstable,-- **has complied with the provisions of Joint Rule 7B, and has received local approval from the town.**

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Berry, and the report was considered forthwith. The petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2191) was referred to the committee on Revenue.

By Mr. Berry, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Steven A. Baddour and Linda Dean Campbell for legislation to name certain bridge in the town of Methuen

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Berry, and the report was considered forthwith; Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Matter Taken Out of the Notice Section of the Calendar

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Notice Section of the Calendar and considered, as follows: The Senate Bill Act amending the charter of the town of Norwell (Senate, No. 1965) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the third reading),-- **was read a third time.**

Pending the question on passing the bill be engrossed, Mr. Hedlund moved that the bill be amended by substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2186).

The amendment was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2186) was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were considered, as follows:

The Senate Bill relative to the charter of the city of Northhampton (Senate, No. 2106),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

The Senate Bill establishing the Worcester County Commission on the Status of Women (Senate, No. 2099),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Chandler, and the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed.**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill relative to the state wildfire team (Senate, No. 913),-- **was read a second time and was amended, as previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, by substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2183).**

The bill (Senate, No. 2183) was then ordered to a third reading. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Brewer, and the bill was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill further regulating municipal animal control (Senate, No. 1033),-- **was read a second time.**

The pending amendment, previously recommended by the committee Ways and Means, substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2184),- **was considered.**

After remarks, and pending the question on adoption of the amendment, Mr. Michael O. Moore moved that the bill be amended by striking out, in line 88, the words “day care” and further by striking out, in lines 91 to 94, the following words “a grooming facility operated solely for the purpose of grooming and not overnight boarding” and by inserting in place thereof the following words:- “a facility not for overnight boarding, including dog grooming, dog training, supervised playtime and dog walking with no more than 12 dogs on a single premises.”.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Jehlen and Mr. Montigny moved that the bill be amended in Section 21, by inserting after the word “addresses”, in line 385, the following words:- “and date of hire”; in said section 21, in proposed section 151C, by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- “A training course that is offered by a private entity, including, but not limited to, the Animal Control Officers Association, shall not be eligible for reimbursement from the Homeless Animal Prevention and Care Fund unless such course has been approved by the commissioner.”; and by adding the following section:-

SECTION 48. Each animal control officer shall, within 24 months of the effective date of this act for existing animal control officers, and within 12 months from the officer’s date of hire for animal control officers hired after the effective date of this act, subject to the availability of funds in the Homeless Animal Prevention and Care Fund established in section 35TT of chapter 10 of the General Laws, as determined by the commissioner of the department of agricultural resources, complete a training course offered under section 151C of chapter 140 of the General Laws. Priority for training existing animal control officers shall be given to officers who have served in such capacity for 12 months or less.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Clark, Ms. Creem and Mr. Montigny moved that the bill be amended by adding the following 2 sections:-

“SECTION 48. Chapter 209A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 11. (a) Whenever the court issues a temporary or permanent vacate, stay away, restraining or no contact order or a judgment under section 18, 34B or 34C of chapter 208; section 32 of chapter 209; section 3, 4 or 5 of this chapter; section 15 or 20 of chapter 209C; or section 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 of chapter 258E; or a temporary restraining order or preliminary or permanent injunction relative to a domestic relations, child custody, domestic abuse or abuse prevention proceeding, the court may order the possession, care and control of any domesticated animal owned, possessed, leased, kept or held by either party or a minor child residing in the household to the plaintiff or petitioner. The court may order the defendant to refrain from abusing, threatening, taking, interfering with, transferring, encumbering, concealing, harming or otherwise disposing of such animal.

(b) A party to any of the proceedings listed in subsection (a) may petition the court for an order authorized by subsection (a).

(c) Whenever the court issues a warrant for a violation of a temporary or permanent vacate, stay away, restraining or no contact order or of a judgment issued under section 18, 34B or 34C of chapter 208; section 32 of chapter 209; section 3, 4 or 5 of this chapter; section 15 or 20 of chapter 209C; or section 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 of chapter 258E, or otherwise becomes aware that an outstanding warrant for such a violation has been issued against a person before the court, the judge may make a finding, based upon the totality of the circumstances, as to whether there exists an imminent threat of bodily injury to any party to such judgment or the petitioner of any such protective order, a member of the petitioner’s family or household or to a domesticated animal belonging to such petitioner or to a member of the petitioner’s family or household. If the court makes a finding that such an imminent threat of bodily injury to a person or domesticated animal exists, the court shall notify the appropriate law enforcement officials of such finding and such law enforcement officials shall take all necessary actions to execute any such outstanding warrant as soon as is practicable.

SECTION 49. The chief justice of administration and management of the trial court department shall amend the relevant complaint forms for chapters 208, 209A, 209C and 258E of the General Laws, or prescribe a new form, to incorporate a petition for an order under section 11 of chapter 209A of the General Laws, which shall be in such form and language to permit a plaintiff to prepare and file such complaint pro se.”

After debate, the question on adoption of the amendment was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at fourteen minutes before three o’clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Clark, as follows, to wit (yeas 33 – nays 0) [Yeas and Nays No. 161]:

YEAS

Baddour, Steven A. Keenan, John F.
Brewer, Stephen M. Kennedy, Thomas P.
Brownsberger, William N. Knapik, Michael R.
Chandler, Harriette L. McGee, Thomas M.
Chang-Diaz, Sonia Montigny, Mark C.
Clark, Katherine M. Moore, Michael O.
Creem, Cynthia Stone Moore, Richard T.
DiDomenico, Sal N. Pacheco, Marc R.
Donnelly, Kenneth J. Petruccelli, Anthony
Donoghue, Eileen M. Rodrigues, Michael J.
Downing, Benjamin B. Ross, Richard J.
Eldridge, James B. Rush, Michael F.
Finegold, Barry R. Spilka, Karen E.
Flanagan, Jennifer L. Tarr, Bruce E.
Hedlund, Robert L. Timilty, James E

Jehlen, Patricia D. Welch, James T. — 33.
Joyce, Brian A.
NAYS — 0.
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING
Berry, Frederick E. Hart, John A., Jr.
Candaras, Gale D. Rosenberg, Stanley C.
Fargo, Susan C. Wolf, Daniel A. — 6.

The yeas and nays having been completed at eleven minutes before three o'clock P.M., the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Montigny moved that the bill be amended in section 2, by adding the following paragraph:-
“There is hereby established an advisory committee to assist the commissioner in establishing procedures for disbursements from the Homeless Animal Prevention and Care Fund. Members of the advisory committee shall receive no compensation or reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The advisory committee shall consist of the following members, appointed by the governor: 1 member from a humane society, animal rescue or sheltering organization located in the commonwealth; 1 animal control officer or representative of an association organized in the commonwealth for animal control officers; 1 veterinarian or member of a veterinary medical association organized in the commonwealth; and 1 member of the general public with an interest in the well being of domestic animals. All members shall have an active interest in educating residents of the commonwealth relative to the benefits of pet population control. All members of the advisory committee shall be residents of the commonwealth. Committee members shall serve 3-year terms; provided, however, that 2 of the members appointed initially shall serve a term of 2 years.”

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the bill be amended in section 11, by inserting after the word “town” in line 266 the following words:- “, provided, however, that no fee is increased without a majority vote of the city council or the voters present at a town meeting”.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the bill be amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:-

“SECTION___. The Division of Agricultural Resources shall, for the first five years immediately following the effective date of this Act, file an annual report with the Clerk of the House, the Clerk of the Senate, and the chairs of the House and Senate Ways and Means Committees detailing the number of dogs, cats and ferrets that have been licensed in each city and town of the Commonwealth during the previous year. The information contained in said report shall be listed on a per community basis, and shall include a breakdown of the total number of each type of domestic animal licensed in each community. Said report shall be filed annually on or before July 31.”

After debate, the question on adoption of the amendment was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at two minutes past three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, as follows, to wit (yeas 4 – nays 29) [Yeas and Nays No. 162]:

YEAS

Hedlund, Robert L. Ross, Richard J.
Knapik, Michael R. Tarr, Bruce E. — 4.
NAYS
Baddour, Steven A. Joyce, Brian A.
Brewer, Stephen M. Keenan, John F.
Brownsberger, William N. Kennedy, Thomas P.
Chandler, Harriette L. McGee, Thomas M.
Chang-Diaz, Sonia Montigny, Mark C.
Clark, Katherine M. Moore, Michael O.
Creem, Cynthia Stone Moore, Richard T.
DiDomenico, Sal N. Pacheco, Marc R.
Donnelly, Kenneth J. Petrucci, Anthony
Donoghue, Eileen M. Rodrigues, Michael J.
Downing, Benjamin B. Rush, Michael F.
Eldridge, James B. Spilka, Karen E.
Finegold, Barry R. Timilty, James E.
Flanagan, Jennifer L. Welch, James T. — 29.
Jehlen, Patricia D.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING

Berry, Frederick E. Hart, John A., Jr.
Candaras, Gale D. Rosenberg, Stanley C.
Fargo, Susan C. Wolf, Daniel A. — 6.

The yeas and nays having been completed at five minutes past three o'clock P.M., the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Brewer moved to amend the bill in section 1, by inserting after the word “officers”, in line 8, the following words:- “consistent with section 151C of chapter 140”; in section 4, by inserting, in line 129, after the word “Veterinary”, the following

word:- “Medical”; and in section 31, by inserting, in line 684, after the word “Such”, the following word:- “officer.”.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

The Ways and Means amendment was then adopted, as amended.

The bill (Senate, No 2184, amended) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed. [For text of bill, printed as amended, see Senate, No. 2192]

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill relative to compensated absences in cities and towns (House, No. 3666),-- was read a second time, ordered to a third reading and, pursuant to an order previously adopted, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Senate Bill further regulating business practices between motor vehicle dealers, manufacturers and distributors (Senate, No. 1975),-- was considered, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

The pending motion, previously moved by Mr. Kennedy, to lay the matter on the table was considered; and, it was negatived.

After remarks, and pending the question on adoption of the Ways and Means new draft, and the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, on motion of Mr. Petrucci, the further consideration thereof was postponed until the next session

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday 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 William I. Randall

The Senator from Norfolk and Middlesex, Ms. Spilka, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of former Senator and Chief Justice of the Land Court William I. Randall.

Judge William I. Randall, Age 96, of Longboat Key Florida died March 4, 2012. He was born in Framingham on September 13, 1915 where he lived most of his life. He lived a full life and enjoyed being with his many friends and family up until the end. The family home on Edgell Road was always full of friends and neighbors; many of whom considered it almost a second home. He will be remembered as a caring man who helped many people throughout his life. He had a great memory and was a terrific storyteller.

He was a graduate of Framingham High School, Yale University, and Harvard Law School. After serving in the Navy during World War II, he returned to Framingham to form Sheridan and Randall Attorneys at Law. He served as a Selectman from 1947 to 1950. In 1951 he was elected to the Massachusetts General Court as a member of the House of Representatives. In 1965 he was elected to the Massachusetts Senate and served until 1970. He was appointed Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Land Court in 1971 and retired in 1985. In 1985 he was awarded an honorary JD degree from New England School of Law. In 2004, he relocated to Longboat Key, Florida.

He is predeceased by his wife Harriet in 1991 and is survived by his wife, Clare Goss Randall; his three children, William, Jonathan and Eleanor (Deedee); his stepsons Edward and Tyson; 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of William I. Randall, at thirteen minutes past three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Brewer, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.