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Thursday, February 21, 2013.

Met at five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Donoghue in the Chair).

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Joint Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3225) of Ronald Mariano, John F. Keenan, Bruce J. Ayers and other members of the General Court (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation increasing the number of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the city of Quincy;

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3226) of Sean Curran (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation authorizing the city of Springfield to exchange parcels of land;

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3227) of Brian S. Dempsey (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the appointment of William M. Cowl, Jr., as a firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3228) of Brian S. Dempsey (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation authorizing the appointment of Billy Ray Hawkins, Jr., as a firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

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

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were severally considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:- Resolutions (filed by Ms. Chandler and Mr. Joyce) "reaffirming the friendship between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Taiwan";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hedlund) "congratulating Michael Joseph Scollins on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout"; and Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) "congratulating Lois M. Reed on being presented with the Boston Post Cane Award by the town of Raynham."

Recess.

There being no objection, at seven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Ms. Donoghue) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at a twenty-six minutes before one o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Ms. Donoghue in the Chair.

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.

Adjourn In Memory of Alphonse J. "Al" Swekla

The Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Alphonse J. "Al" Swekla of Gloucester.

Alphonse J. "Al" Swekla of Gloucester, died on January 30, 2013 at the age of 86. Al served in the United States Navy during World War II aboard the USS Kleinsmith. Al committed almost 50 years of his life to the city of Gloucester with 39 years in the school system including being appointed as Superintendent of schools from 1985 till his retirement in 1988. Al provided leadership to the city of Gloucester by serving on the City Council, including as President, and as a member and vice chairman of the School Committee.

Al is survived by his wife Lee; his children, David Swekla and his wife Debbie of West Brookfield, his daughter Paula Mulcahey and her husband J. Michael of Gloucester, and his son George (Clint) Lutz and his wife Catherine (Lovasco) of Danvers; his brother, Joseph Swekla of Nashua, New Hampshire; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Alphonse J. "Al" Swekla, at twenty-four minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.