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Monday, March 31, 2014.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Donnelly in the Chair).

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

Petition.

Mr. Richard T. Moore, presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard T. Moore for legislation relative to the automatic renewal of certain propane gas contracts;

Under Senate Rule 20, referred 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, a Bill relative to the Commonwealth's nursing facilities (Senate, No. 288, changed by striking Sections 3 and 5);

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

By Mr. Kennedy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on petition, a Bill relative to mobile spas (Senate, No. 136);

By Mr. Wolf, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on petition, a Bill relative to workers' compensation appeals (Senate, No. 844);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to participants in entertainment exhibitions (Senate, No. 849);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to clarify employer sanctions for improper expenditure of withholdings or deductions from wages (Senate, No. 876);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to provide further transparency in public construction (Senate, No. 884);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to protections extended to lay teachers in parochial schools (Senate, No. 890);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to expedite appeals of wage violations (Senate, No. 897);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to combat tax and insurance fraud (Senate, No. 898);

By Mr. Timilty, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on petition, a Bill to train law enforcement in dealing with individuals suffering from mental illness (Senate, No. 1121);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the Forensic Sciences Advisory Board (Senate, No. 1122);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to restore community trust in Massachusetts law enforcement (Senate, No. 1135);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate No. 1147 and House Nos. 2122, 2154 and 2172, a Bill to promote safety

in the transportation of students (Senate, No. 1147);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to elevator inspections (Senate, No. 1164);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to unsafe elevators (Senate, No. 1170);

By Mr. Brownsberger, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill to establish a sick leave bank for Michael J. Donoghue, an employee of the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office (Senate, No. 2067); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to establish a sick leave bank for Laurel MacKay, an employee of the Department of Environmental Protection (Senate, No. 2068);

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 to protect job applicants' identity and privacy (Senate, No. 845); and

By Mr. Timilty, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on petition, a Bill relative to accreditation bodies for forensic and scientific labs (Senate, No. 1153);

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

By Mr. Kennedy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1756) of Joan Lovely and Bradford Hill (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the issuance of a certain license for the retail sale of bottled wine in the town of Topsfield; and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1903) of John McCaul (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Taunton to grant additional liquor licenses;

Severally, under Senate Rule 36, referred to the committee on Ethics and Rules.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Bills

Exempting Martin B. Parayno from the maximum age requirement for firefighters in the city of Methuen (House, No. 3637, amended,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Authorizing the county and town of Nantucket to convey a certain parcel of land (House, No. 3801, changed,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Recess.

There being no objection, at one minute past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Donnelly) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at sixteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Keenan in the Chair (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Keenan) "reaffirming the friendship between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Taiwan"; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Richard T. Moore) "honoring Michael Lesperance for his distinguished service as a District Deputy of the Massachusetts State Council, Knights of Columbus."

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 establishing a charter for the town of Wrentham (Senate, No. 2005),-- **was read second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill creating a board of water and sewer commissioners in the city of Newburyport (House, No. 3823),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Rosenberg, for the committee on Ethics and Rules, reported that the following matters be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House Bill designating a certain overpass in the town of Barnstable as the U.S. Navy SEAL Kevin A. Houston Veterans Memorial (House, No. 3101).

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Hedlund, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: “An Act designating each of 2 certain bridges in the town of Barnstable as the U.S. Navy SEAL Kevin A. Houston Veterans Memorial Bridge”.

By Mr. Brewer, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill authorizing the granting of easements at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill (House, No. 3905),-- ought to pass, with an amendment striking out, in line 28, the word “utility” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “municipal services”.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Hedlund, 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 the 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 authorizing the granting of easements at Northern Essex Community College in the city of Haverhill”.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Revere as the Rita Singer Bridge (see House, No. 3649) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Keenan) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Time of Meeting.

On motion of Mr. Hedlund,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at three o’clock P.M., in a full formal session with a calendar.

Adjourn In Memory of Mrs. Rhonda “Ronny” Zinner

The Senator from Essex, Ms. O’ Connor Ives, and the Senator from Suffolk and Middlesex, Mr. Petrucci moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Mrs. Rhonda “Ronny” Zinner.

Rhonda “Ronny” Zinner, 70, passed away after a long battle with cancer on Tuesday, March 18, 2014. Born May 15, 1943, in Boston, she was the oldest of the three daughters of Carl and the late Ruth (Gordon) Shapiro.

Mrs. Zinner was a graduate of Boston’s Winsor School. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Sarah Lawrence College and a master’s degree from Boston University’s School of Social Work. She was a magna cum laude graduate of the Harvard University School of Education, where she earned a master’s degree in education and a certification of advanced study in human development and psychology. In her early career, she was a psychotherapist, focusing her practice on troubled teens and college students. She frequently offered her services for little or no fee to those in need.

Ronny, the wife of Dr. Michael Zinner, chair of the Department of Surgery at Brigham and Women’s Hospital shared his dedication where she was a member of the Board of Trustees and, more recently, the President’s Advisory Council. As president of the Carl and Ruth Shapiro Family Foundation, she carried out her family’s philanthropic vision, overseeing numerous transformative gifts to Brigham and Women’s Hospital, including the Carl J. and Ruth Shapiro Cardiovascular Center. Ronny’s leadership, empathy and thoughtfulness impacted the lives of countless Boston residents as she built on the philanthropic legacy of her parents. Fueled by a commitment to social justice and compassion for those who struggled, Ronny led the foundation in developing new strategies that empowered people to make positive changes in their lives.

Ronny was also deeply involved in the development of the contemporary art collection at the Shapiro Center, and worked tirelessly in partnership with staff to bring diverse and healing art into the center for patients, families, staff and visitors to enjoy.

Truly, in her work and in her personal life, Ronny’s kindness and generosity knew no bounds. She was a true testament of a philanthropist, a friend of people, and her whole hearted commitment to giving back to her community. Her devotion was only surpassed by her husband, Dr. Michael Zimmer, her children; Jennifer Herman and her husband Mark, Jonathan Segal, Dan Zinner, and Darren Zinner and his wife Tracy, her grandchildren; Ashley, Zachary and Alexandra Herman, Coby and Ethan Zinner, her father, Mr. Carl Shapiro and her sisters Ellen Jaffe and her husband Robert, and Linda Waintrup and her husband Daniel Bohrer.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Mrs. Rhonda “Ronny” Zinner, at twenty-four minutes past eleven o’clock AM, on motion of Mr. Hedlund, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at three o’clock P.M.