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Monday, January 11, 2016.

Met at eleven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Chandler in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

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

Communications.

The following communications were severally received and placed on file, to wit:
Communication from the Honorable Richard J. Ross in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at twenty-five minutes before two o'clock P.M.); and
Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader, announcing the appointment (pursuant to Section 6C of Chapter 20 of the General Laws and Chapter 277 of the Acts of 2010) of Senator Ryan C. Fattman to serve as his designee to the Massachusetts Food Policy Council.

Reports.

The following reports were severally received and placed on file, to wit:
Report of the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its financial statements and supplementary information for the year ended June 30, 2015 (received January 7, 2016);
Report of the Worcester District Attorney's Office (pursuant to Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of wiretap interceptions for the 2015 calendar year (received January 7, 2016);
Report of the Essex District Attorney's Office (pursuant to Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of wiretap interceptions for the 2015 calendar year (received January 7, 2016);
Report of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (pursuant to Section 6(b) of Chapter 6C of the General Laws) submitting its annual performance management report for fiscal year 2015 (received January 8, 2016).

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. McGee, for the committee on Transportation, on petition, a Bill to establish a motorcycle safety fund (Senate, No. 1855);
and
By the same Senator, for same the committee, on petition (accompanied by bill Senate, No. 1865), a Bill concerning the safety of

school children embarking and disembarking school buses (Senate, No. 2088);
Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. McGee, for the committee on Transportation, on petition, a Bill relative to child passenger safety (Senate, No. 1848);
Read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3940) of Carmine L. Gentile, Richard J. Ross and Alice Hanlon Peisch (by vote of the town) that the town of Wayland be authorized to increase the annual spending limit for its recreational programs revolving fund,-- **was referred in concurrence to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Bills

Authorizing the town of Norfolk to continue the employment of fire chief Coleman Bushnell (House, No. 3196, amended,-- on petition) [Local approval received];
Authorizing the town of Norfolk to continue the employment of police chief Charles H. Stone, Jr. (House, No. 3197, amended,-- on petition) [Local approval received];
Relative to nitrogen loading easements in the town of Sterling (House, No. 3244,-- on petition) [Local approval received];
Authorizing the town of Lincoln to grant a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3711, amended,-- on House, No. 3355) [Local approval received on House, No. 3355]; and
Providing for a selectmen – town manager form of government in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 3883,-- on petition) [Local approval received];
Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-
Resolutions (filed by (Mr. Donnelly) “commending the Arlington Metco Program on its fiftieth anniversary.”

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 House Bill authorizing the town of Norwood to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3684, amended),-- was read a second time.
Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Rush presented an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2089.
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 authorizing the town of Norwood to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises”.
Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

The House Bill extending a certain property tax exemption for seniors in the town of Sudbury (House, No. 3890),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3943) of Thomas J. Calter and others for legislation to reward whistleblowers who contribute to the prosecution of individuals and businesses operating in the "underground economy",-- **was referred in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.**

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Ms. Chandler) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:
Establishing a Department of Public Works in the town of Plainville (see Senate, No. 2037); and
Further regulating the authority of the town manager in the town of Duxbury to negotiate and execute certain contracts (see House, No. 3343, amended).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday 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 James W. Schlesinger.

The Senator from Middlesex and Norfolk, Ms. Creem moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Brookline resident James W. Schlesinger, who died December 27, 2015.

A highly respected mathematician, Mr. Schlesinger, known to his friends as "Bill", came from Kansas to the Boston area in 1949 to study at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Returning after his army service, Mr. Schlesinger received his degree in mathematics in 1955, and his Ph.D in 1964.

He was a member of the Tufts faculty from 1960 – 2000, holding the post of department chair, and membership on a multitude of committees, including the Administrative Structure and Student Life Committee, Tenure and Promotion Committee, and committees concerned with world civilization. He also served as president of the Tufts American Association of University Professors Chapter. He championed course innovations in mathematics, and initiated Tufts University's commitment to computational mathematics and computer science.

Mr. Schlesinger was dedicated to the town of Brookline, including holding positions of co-president of the PTO and coach of the math team at the Runkle School. His activities also included many years as a town meeting member, chair of the school committee and of Brookline Pax, a local anti-war and civil rights organization. He attended the state democratic convention every year from 1982 to 1997.

James W. Schlesinger will be deeply missed by his wife, Laura Bratko Schlesinger, his four daughters, Sarah, Jessica, Rebekah and Judith; his sons-in-law, Matthew Battles and Eric Rosenthal, and his six grandchildren, Elias, Adam, Judith, Oliver, Henry and Esli and countless members of the Tufts University and the larger Brookline communities.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of James W. Schlesinger, at nineteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M.