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JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

Thursday, September 17, 2015.

Met at four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, during consideration of the Orders of the Day, the President handed the gavel to Mr. Lesser for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Lesser then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Nancy and Bill Squires, who are longtime residents of Longmeadow. They are heavily involved in their community and volunteer for organizations like Rachel's Table, an organization that transports food that otherwise would be wasted, to families in need. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

There being no objection, the President handed the gavel to Mrs. L'Italien for the purpose of an introduction. Mrs. L'Italien then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Jim Duggan, the town manager for the town of Dracut. The Senate welcomed him with applause and he withdrew from the Chamber.

Communications.

Communication from CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, on an audit of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Senate with State of available resources and expenditures – statutory basis – and additional information for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014 (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate at twenty-three minutes past two o'clock P.M., on Wednesday, September 9, 2015);

Under the provisions of Senate Rule 13C, the communication has been placed on file.

Communication from the Honorable Kathleen O'Connor Ives in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at twenty-five minutes past twelve o'clock noon),-- **was placed on file.**

Petition

Ms. Chandler presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2012) of Harriette L. Chandler, Mary S. Keefe, Daniel M. Donahue, Michael O. Moore and other members of the General Court (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the off-street parking board in the city of Worcester [Local approval received]; **Under Senate Rule 20, referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Chang-Diaz, for the committee on Education, on Senate Nos. 248 and 265, a Bill relative to healthy youth (Senate, No. 2013);

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3761) of Kate Hogan and Jennifer L. Flanagan that the town of Bolton be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.**

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robert Aubrey, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 3723,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Report of the committee on Public Health asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 267) of John W. Scibak and others relative to access to telemedicine services by allowing certain clinicians to be credentialed and to allow for coverage of such services by all payers and the Medicaid program,-- **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing,-- was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were severally considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:- Resolutions (filed by Ms. Jehlen) "commending the Massachusetts Falls Prevention Coalition on its celebration of Falls Prevention Awareness Day";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) "congratulating Tyler Lee Telesford Wood of the town of Millis on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout"; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) "congratulating Iris Carroll on her retirement from Programs for People, Inc."

The Senator from Plymouth and Barnstable, Mr. deMacedo, led the members, guests and staff in the recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Spilka, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to motor vehicle license suspension (Senate, No. 1812),-- **ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2014).**

Order Adopted.

Ms. Spilka offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the Senate Bill relative to motor vehicle license suspension (Senate, No. 1812) (the committee on Ways and Means having recommended that the bill be amended by substituting a new draft, Senate, No. 2014) shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Thursday, September 24, 2015.

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 5:00 P.M., on Monday, September 21, 2015. All such amendments shall be second-reading amendments to the Ways and Means new draft (Senate, No. 2014), but further amendments in the third degree to such amendments shall be in order. The Clerk shall further specify the procedure and format for filing all amendments, consistent with this order.

After the bill as amended is ordered to a third reading, it shall immediately be read a third time and the question shall then immediately be on passing it to be engrossed, and no amendments shall be in order at the third reading of the bill unless recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Under the rules, referred to the committee on Rules.

Subsequently, Mr. Montigny, for the said committee, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Chandler, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

The bill will be placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, September 24, for a second reading, with the amendment pending.

Report of a Committee.

Mr. Montigny, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The Senate Bill relative to the spinal cord injury trust fund (Senate, No. 1972).

Order Adopted.

Ms. Welch offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the Senate Bill relative to the spinal cord injury trust fund (Senate, No. 1972) shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Thursday, September 24, 2015.

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 5:00 P.M., on Monday, September 21, 2015. All such amendments shall be second-reading amendments to Senate, No. 1972, but further amendments in the third degree to such amendments shall be in order. The Clerk shall further specify the procedure and format for filing all amendments, consistent with this order.

After the bill as amended is ordered to a third reading, it shall immediately be read a third time and the question shall then immediately be on passing it to be engrossed, and no amendments shall be in order at the third reading of the bill unless recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Under the rules, referred to the committee on Rules.

Subsequently, Mr. Montigny, for the said committee, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Wolf, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

The bill will be placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, September 24, for a second reading.

Report of a Committee.

Mr. Montigny, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The Senate Bill further regulating tanning facilities (Senate, No. 1994).

Order Adopted.

Mr. Lewis offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the Senate Bill further regulating tanning facilities (Senate, No. 1994) shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Thursday, September 24, 2015.

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 5:00 P.M., on Monday, September 21, 2015. All such amendments shall be second-reading amendments to Senate, No. 1994, but further amendments in the third degree to such amendments shall be in order. The Clerk shall further specify the procedure and format for filing all amendments, consistent with this order.

After the bill as amended is ordered to a third reading, it shall immediately be read a third time and the question shall then immediately be on passing it to be engrossed, and no amendments shall be in order at the third reading of the bill unless recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Under the rules, referred to the committee on Rules.

Subsequently, Mr. Montigny, for the said committee, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Timilty, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

The bill will be placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, September 24, for a second reading.

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Spilka, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to motor vehicle license suspension (Senate, No. 2006),-- ought to pass with an amendment inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:- "Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the department of developmental services, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.;" and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title:- "An Act establishing a sick leave bank for Maureen Table, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services."

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Donnelly, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The bill (Senate, No. 2006, amended) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3764) Tom Sannicandro, Carmine L. Gentile and Chris Walsh for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Deborah Clay, an employee of the Trial Court,-- **was referred in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.**

Matters 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 House Bill relative to the recall of elected officials in the town of Dighton (House, No. 3615),-- **was read a second time.** Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Pacheco moved that the bill be amended in section 8, in the second paragraph, by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- "There shall be an appropriate place for the voters to vote for either proposition."

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 amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were considered as follows:

The House Bill authorizing the town of Stoughton to grant 6 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3695),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

Recess.

There being no objection, at nineteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the President declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at twenty-seven minutes before two o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The Senate Bill clearing titles to foreclosed properties (Senate, No. 882),-- **was considered, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading, with the Ways and Means new draft (Senate, No. 1981) pending.**

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

After remarks, Mr. Eldridge, Ms. Chandler and Mr. Montigny moved to amend the proposed new draft in section 2, in subsection (e), by adding the following:-

"The court may award actual damages and punitive damages for all claims arising out of a failure to comply with sections 14, 15, 35A and 35B of chapter 244 or any other requirement of law with respect to the foreclosure. The court may consider the value of a mortgage and any down payment and equity associated with the underlying foreclosed property when assessing damages."

After debate, the amendment was **adopted.**

Mr. Eldridge moved to amend the proposed new draft by inserting the following section:-

"SECTION XX.

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 186A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of 'Bona fide lease or bona fide tenancy.'

SECTION 2. Said section 1 of said chapter 186A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting the following definition:- 'Fair Market Rent', reasonable monthly rent amount based on the amount equal to that established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to 42 U.S.C. c § 1437f(o), as it exists or may be amended, and considering (1) the condition of the unit, (2) rental amount of a unit of comparable size in the immediate area or same building in which the property is located, (3) other relevant factors.

SECTION 3. Said section 1 of said chapter 186A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting in line 27 after the words 'Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation' the following words:- or the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

SECTION 4. Said section 1 of said chapter 186A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting the following definition:-

SECTION 5. Said section 1 of said chapter 186A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended in the definition of "Just cause" by striking subsection (1) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(1) after receiving notice pursuant to section three, the tenant has failed to pay the rent in effect prior to the foreclosure or, in the case of the former mortgagor and any household members, monthly rent payments in an amount agreed to by the mortgagor and foreclosing owner or Fair Market Rent, as determined by the foreclosing owner or, if contested, determined by a court, as long as the foreclosing owner notified the tenant in writing of the amount of rent, the agreed upon monthly rent payments or Fair Market Rent that was to be paid and to whom it was to be paid.

SECTION 6. Said section 1 of said chapter 186A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking the

definition of “tenant” and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

“Tenant”, a person or group of persons who at the time of foreclosure is an occupant of such housing accommodation, including a tenant-at-will or lessee of the foreclosed-upon owner, a former mortgagor, or other household member. A person who moves into the housing accommodation owned by the foreclosing owner, subsequent to the foreclosure sale, without the express written permission of the foreclosing owner shall not be considered a tenant under this chapter.

SECTION 7. Section 3 of said chapter 186A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

Within 30 days of the foreclosure, the foreclosing owner shall post in a prominent location in the building a written notice stating the names, addresses, telephone numbers and telephone contact information of the foreclosing owner, the building manager or other representative of the foreclosing owner responsible for the management of such building and stating the address to which the rent, or, in the case of the former mortgagor and any household members, the agreed upon monthly rent payments or Fair Market Rent shall be sent. In the case of the former mortgagor and other household member, the notice shall include the Fair Market Rent as proposed by the foreclosing owner, inform the tenant that he or she may contact the foreclosing owner to contest the stated rent amount, and inform the tenant that should agreement on the rent not be reached either party may bring an action in court to determine the Fair Market Rent within 90 days of receipt of the notice.

SECTION 8. Section 3 of said chapter 186A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking the following words in lines 15 and 16:- “and use and occupancy charges”

SECTION 9. Section 4 of said chapter 186A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended in subsection (a) by striking clause (i) and inserting in place thereof the following clause:-

(i) the tenant has failed to pay the rent in effect prior to the foreclosure or, in the case of the former mortgagor and any household members, the agreed upon monthly rent payments or Fair Market Rent, as long as the foreclosing owner notified the tenant in writing of the amount of rent that was to be paid and to whom it was to be paid, or such amount was unpaid after being determined by a court;

SECTION 10. Section 5 of said chapter 186A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking the following words in the first sentence:- “and use and occupancy charges”

SECTION 11. Section 5 of said chapter 186A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

A bona fide lease between the foreclosed-upon owner and the lessee or proof of rental payment to the foreclosed-upon owner shall be presumed reasonable.

SECTION 12. Section 5 of said chapter 186A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting a new section after Section 5:-

Section 5A. Claim by foreclosing owner or former mortgagor or other household member to set Fair Market Rent. If a former mortgagor or other household member disagrees with the foreclosing owner’s determination of Fair Market Rent, and agreement cannot be reached, a proceeding may be brought within 90 days of the tenant receiving the notice sent pursuant to section three of this chapter in district, superior or housing court to set a Fair Market Rent for the unit.

SECTION 13. Section 6 of said chapter 186A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking the second paragraph.”

After debate, the question on adoption of the amendment was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at nine minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Eldridge, as follows, to wit (yeas 15 — nays 23) [Yeas and Nays No. 160]:

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.

Keenan, John F.

Chang-Diaz, Sonia

Lesser, Eric P.

DiDomenico, Sal N.

L'Italien, Barbara A.

Donnelly, Kenneth J.

McGee, Thomas M.

Downing, Benjamin B.

Montigny, Mark C.

Eldridge, James B.

Welch, James T.

Forry, Linda Dorcena

Wolf, Daniel A. — 15.

Jehlen, Patricia D.

NAYS.

Brownsberger, William N.

Lovely, Joan B.

Chandler, Harriette L.

Moore, Michael O.

Creem, Cynthia Stone

O'Connor Ives, Kathleen

deMacedo, Viriato M.

Pacheco, Marc R.

Donoghue, Eileen M.

Petruccelli, Anthony

Fattman, Ryan C.

Rodrigues, Michael J.

Flanagan, Jennifer L.

Ross, Richard J.

Gobi, Anne M.

Rush, Michael F.

Hedlund, Robert L.

Spilka, Karen E.

Humason, Donald F., Jr.

Tarr, Bruce E.

Joyce, Brian A.

Timilty, James E. – 23.

Lewis, Jason M.

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

Mr. Keenan moved to amend the proposed new draft by inserting the following new section:-

“SECTION X. Section 6D of Chapter 183 of the Massachusetts General Laws as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

Each assignment of mortgage secured by residential property, as defined in said section 1 of chapter 255E, shall be forwarded within 30 days of the date of execution of said assignment to the appropriate registry district for recording.”

After debate, the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Eldridge moved to amend the proposed new draft by striking, in lines 12, 17 and 58, the figure “3” and replacing it with the following:- “5”; and by striking, in line 59, the figure “1” and replacing it with the following:- “3”.

After debate, the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Donnelly moved to amend the proposed new draft by striking, in lines 12, 17 and 58, the figure “3” and replacing it with the following:- “10”; and by striking, in line 59, the figure “1” and replacing it with the following:- “3”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Chandler moved to amend the proposed new draft by inserting after section 3 the following section:-

“SECTION 3A. The attorney general, in collaboration with the commissioner of banks, shall work with stakeholders participating in the foreclosure industry and stakeholders participating in foreclosure prevention, reduction or education programs to provide notification of the effects of this act to homeowners facing foreclosure and homeowners who were foreclosed upon. For the purposes of this section “stakeholders” shall include, but not be limited to, participants in the attorney general’s HomeCorps program, grant recipients receiving funding to complement the goals of the HomeCorps program, entities providing

information to the division of banks to maintain the foreclosure database, consumer assistance providers at the division of banks' foreclosure hotline, foreclosure assistance providers referred by the division of banks and participants in the Pro Bono Foreclosure Assistance Hotline. Notification efforts shall include, and may be limited to, providing notice of the effects of this act on a website operated or maintained by the attorney general and the division of banks.

The attorney general shall report to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives not later than December 1, 2016 detailing notification efforts and the implementation of this section."

After remarks, the amendment was **adopted**.

Ms. Chandler moved to amend the proposed new draft in section 2 by inserting after the word "affidavit", in line 46, the following words:- "filed or recorded after January 7, 2011"; in said section 2, by striking out, in lines 47 to 51, inclusive, the words:- "; provided, however, that a misrepresentation by the foreclosing entity as to whether the foreclosing entity held the mortgage at the time of notice of sale and subsequent foreclosure sale shall not constitute a violation of said section 2 of said chapter 93A if the misrepresentation was contained in an affidavit filed or recorded on or before January 7, 2011".

After remarks, the amendment was **adopted**.

Ms. Chandler moved to amend the proposed new draft by inserting after the word "deadline." in line 34, the following words:- "An attested true and correct copy of the complaint or pleading described in this subsection shall be accepted for recording in the registry of deeds or, in the case of registered land, in the land court registry district."

After remarks, the amendment was **adopted**.

Ms. Chandler moved to amend the proposed new draft by inserting after the word "jurisdiction", in lines 24 and 28, each time it appears, the following words:- ", including the housing court department,".

After remarks, the amendment was **adopted**.

Ms. Spilka moved to amend the proposed new draft in section 1, by striking out, in line 6, the word "a" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- an arm's length purchaser who pays valuable consideration, including a";

In said section 1, by striking out, in line 54, the words "subsection ©" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "subsection (d)"; and

In section 2, by striking out, in line 16, the words "as prescribed in section 14" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- consistent with form 12 of the appendix to chapter 183.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

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

The bill (Senate, No. 1981, amended) was then ordered to a third reading and read a third time.

After remarks, the question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays at twenty-nine minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Moore, as follows, to wit (*yeas 31 — nays 7*) [**Yeas and Nays No. 161**]:

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.

Lovely, Joan B.

Brownsberger, William N.

McGee, Thomas M.

Chandler, Harriette L.

Montigny, Mark C.

Creem, Cynthia Stone

Moore, Michael O.

deMacedo, Viriato M.

O'Connor Ives, Kathleen

Donoghue, Eileen M.

Pacheco, Marc R.

Downing, Benjamin B.

Petrucelli, Anthony

Fattman, Ryan C.

Rodrigues, Michael J.

Flanagan, Jennifer L.	Ross, Richard J.
Gobi, Anne M.	Rush, Michael F.
Hedlund, Robert L.	Spilka, Karen E.
Humason, Donald F., Jr.	Tarr, Bruce E.
Joyce, Brian A.	Timilty, James E.
Lesser, Eric P.	Welch, James T.
Lewis, Jason M.	Wolf, Daniel A. – 31.
L'Italien, Barbara A.	

NAYS.

Chang-Diaz, Sonia	Forry, Linda Dorcena
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Jehlen, Patricia D.
Donnelly, Kenneth J.	Keenan, John F. – 7.
Eldridge, James B.	

**The yeas and nays having been completed at twenty-six minutes before four o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be engrossed. [For text of Senate Bill printed as amended, see Senate, No. 2015].
Sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills.

An engrossed Bill relative to the charter of the city of Newton (see House No. 3563, amended) (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 re-enacted and signed by the President and again laid before the Governor for his approbation.

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the House), 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 President and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Relative to the town manager in the town of Dedham (see House, No. 3269, changed); and
Changing the name of the State-Boston Retirement System to the Boston Retirement System (see House, No. 3612).

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.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the President, the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Michael Joseph Carney.

Adjourn In Memory of Michael Joseph Carney of Springfield

The Senator from Hampden and Hampshire, Mr. Lesser, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Michael Joseph Carney of Springfield.

Michael Carney was a longtime resident of the City of Springfield. Born in 1920 on The Great Blasket Island in County Kerry, Michael was the oldest of the only seven surviving natives of the Great Blasket.

In Ireland, Michael was a political activist, successfully lobbying President Eamon de Valera on behalf of the residents of The Great Blasket Island, ultimately leading to the evacuation and relocating of residents to more sustainable circumstances. He was also a passionate advocate of the preservation of the island.

In 1948, Michael emigrated to the United States where he coordinated the emigration of his five siblings to Springfield. He became an American citizen in 1954.

Michael was passionate about his Irish heritage and devoted thousands of hours to advancing Irish culture and language. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the John Boyle O'Reilly Club for twenty-four years, including sixteen years as its President. He served as President of the Southern New England Gaelic Football league. His Springfield team won the New England championship three times. He taught Irish in the Adult Education Division of the Springfield Public Schools for eleven years. He was the Marshal of the Springfield delegation to the Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade in 1973 and he received the John J. Burke Award from the Springfield St. Patrick's Parade Committee in 1979. He was listed in Irish American Who's Who in 1987. In recognition of his multiple contributions to Irish culture, he was awarded an honorary doctorate in Celtic literature by the National University of Ireland at Maynooth in 2010.

Michael recently published his recollections of a lifetime as a proud Irish American in the book *From the Great Blasket to America – the Last Memoir by an Islander*. He will be featured in a new documentary series on *The Great Blasket* to be televised throughout Ireland on TG4, the Irish language channel, later this year.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Michael Joseph Carney, at twenty minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.