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Thursday, August 10, 2017.

Met at eight minutes past ten o'clock A.M. (Ms. Lovely in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Laid Aside as Moot.

Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 2017 (submitted by the Governor pursuant to Article LXXXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution) to reorganize the information technology function of the Commonwealth to improve data security, safeguard privacy, and promote better service delivery (House, No. 3731) [the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight had reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23A, recommending that said Reorganization Plan 2 “ought to be approved” – For majority report, see Senate, No. 2091], was laid aside as moot, [the time to act on such Reorganization Plan #2 of 2017 having expired on Monday, July 31, 2017].

Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 2017.

Communications.

The following communications were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Communication from the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Section 154 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) submitting the report and recommendations of the former Special Commission on Ovarian Cancer (received August 4, 2017); and

DPH -- ovarian cancer legislative report. SD2295

Communication from the Sheriff of Hampden County relative to a plan of correction in response to a facility inspection of the Western Mass Regional Women's Correctional Center conducted on June 14, 2017 (received August 7, 2017).

Sheriff of Hampden County, -- plan of correction. SD2296

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Humason, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2152) of Donald F. Humason, Jr. and John W. Scibak (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Easthampton to lease certain real estate [Local Approval Received];

Easthampton,-- real estate lease.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jennifer L. Flanagan and Natalie Higgins for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for David Ringer, an employee of the Department of Correction;

David Ringer,-- sick leave. SD2298

By Ms. Forry, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of

Harry G. Uhlman, Jr.

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Linda Dorcena Forry for legislation to designate a band stand at the Marine Park in South Boston as the Harry G. Uhlman, Jr. Memorial Band Stand; and

Memorial Band Stand. SD2293

By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation to require the disclosure of lead in water pipes to prospective purchasers of premises

Water pipes,-- disclosure of lead. SD2299

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

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the town of Chelmsford to grant 10 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3880,-- on House, No. 3841) [Local approval received on House, No. 3841],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Chelmsford,-- liquor license.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brady) “congratulating Joseph James Curran of the town of Hanson on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”; and

Joseph James Curran.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely and Mr. McGee) “congratulating the Essex County Cooperative Farming Association on its one hundredth anniversary.”

Essex County Cooperative Farming Association.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Rosenberg,--

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.

Time of meeting.

Adjourn In Memory of Councilor William A. Toomey.

The Senator from Essex, Ms. Lovely, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Peabody Councilor William A. Toomey.

William A. “Bill” Toomey, a longtime member of the Peabody City Council, died unexpectedly on Sunday, July 23, 2017, at the age of 84.

Born in Salem, Massachusetts on July 28, 1932, he was the son of the late George L. And Helen (Keyhole) Toomey and had resided in Peabody for most of his life.

Bill was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in the Korean War. Upon his discharge in 1954, he entered Merrimack College where he received a bachelor’s degree. He was first employed at the General Electric Company in Lynn, and later at GTE Sylvania where he was a purchasing agent in the Needham plant for 20 years prior to his retirement 25 years ago.

Bill was very active in political and civic organizations in Peabody, serving on the Peabody City Council for 26 years. He was also a member and current President of the Friends of the Peabody Council on Aging, and was a Vice-Chairman of the Peabody Council on Aging.

Bill enjoyed being the host of the senior corner on Peabody access TV. He

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drove a bus for many years for Catherine's Day Care Center in Peabody and was a vendor for 15 years at the Todd Farm Flea Market in Rowley. Bill had been a member of the A.O.H. Division 11 of Peabody, Leo Council Knights of Columbus, and Portuguese American War Veterans Post 1 of Peabody.

Bill's years of service on the Peabody City Council will never be forgotten. He will always be remembered for his two-plus decades of dedicated service to the city that he loved so dearly.

Bill is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; a son and daughter-in-law, William A. and Barbara Toomey of Sandy Hook, Connecticut; a daughter and son-in-law, Ellen Toomey Manning and Michael Manning of Byfield, Massachusetts; his grandchildren, Sierra and Kai Toomey of Connecticut, and Jameson and Finnegan Manning of Byfield; and many nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Leo Toomey.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Councilor William A. Toomey, at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Rosenberg, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.