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Thursday, August 24, 2017.

Met at six minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Boncore 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 (Mr. Boncore), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Honorable Stanley C. Rosenberg, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment (pursuant to Chapter 298 of the Acts of 2016) of Senator Michael Brady to the Special Commission to study cutting, welding and hot work process,-- was placed on file

Special Commission on cutting, welding and hot work process.

Report.

Report of the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation (pursuant to Section 57 of Chapter 98 of the General Laws) submitting the 2017 Annual Report for the Division of Standards (received August 22, 2017),-- was placed on file.

Consumer Affairs,-- DOS annual report. SD2311

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2156) of Mark C. Montigny and William M. Straus (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a special fund from demolition liens or related grants in the town of Fairhaven [Local approval received];

Fairhaven,-- special fund.

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. Boncore, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joseph A. Boncore for legislation relative to early literacy education;

Early literacy education. SD2313

By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard J. Ross and Elizabeth A. Poirier for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Donna Paul, an employee of the Department of Correction; and

Donna Paul,-- sick leave. SD2312

By Ms. Spilka, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Karen E. Spilka for legislation relative to gender identity on Massachusetts identification;

Identification,-- gender identity. SD2310

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

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PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

A Bill authorizing the town of Williamsburg to continue the employment of call firefighter James Ferron (House, No. 3834, amended,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

James Ferron,--
call firefighter.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Zachary Leon Will of the town of Marshfield on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout."

Zachary Leon Will.

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 eliminating the preliminary election in the City of Revere in 2017 (House, No. 3874),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Revere,-- preliminary
election.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Boston to grant 15 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3757, amended),-- **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 authorizing the city of Boston to grant 15 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises".**

Boston,-- liquor
licenses.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (both 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 Acting President (Mr. Boncore) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Relative to the employment contract for the Director of Public Works in the town of Upton (see House, No. 3726); and

Authorizing the town of Millbury to grant 1 additional liquor license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 3789).

Bills laid before the
Governor.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Boncore), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of James Breagy of Barnstable.

Moment of silence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill eliminating the preliminary election in the City of Revere in 2017 (see House, No. 3874) (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. Boncore) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

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.

Time of meeting.

Adjourn In Memory of James Breagy

The Senator from Cape and Islands, Mr. Cyr, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of James Breagy of Barnstable.

James Breagy passed away on April 18, 2017. Jim is survived by his wife of 55 years Paula Gaddis Breagy. Jim and Paula had four sons: Jim, Peter, Matthew, and Patrick, and four grandsons: Niall, Jack, Samuel, and Matthew.

A Korean War veteran, Jim earned a Bachelor of Arts from St. Michaels College and a Master of Arts in history from Boston College. His varied and interesting career included stints as a City Reporter, Editorial Writer, and Journalist for the Boston Record American and the Boston Herald. He later joined the Citizens Housing and Planning Association to work on low- and moderate-income housing issues.

During the Carter administration, Jim worked for the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, DC. Throughout his entire career, Jim was dedicated to addressing housing issues and improving urban neighborhoods. In 2005, Jim and Paula retired and purchased a home on Cape Cod large enough to share with friends, family, and especially their grandchildren.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of James Breagy, at nineteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.