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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017.

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Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

Met at twenty-three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. DiDomenico in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Communications.

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

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 2E of Chapter 47 of the Acts of 2017) submitting the Fiscal Year 2018 transfer schedule for the following account: 1595-7066 Massachusetts Science, Technology Engineering, and Mathematics Grant Fund (received August 31, 2017); and

Comptroller,--
transfer schedule.
SD2321

Communication from the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (pursuant to Section 2RR of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its Workforce Training Fund Program (WTFP) Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report (received September 1, 2017).

EOLWD,-- WTFP
annual report.
SD2323

Report.

Report of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (pursuant to Section 196(b) of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) submitting the MBTA's annual report on procurement (copies having been forwarded as required to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and Joint Committee on Transportation) (received September 1, 2017),-- **was placed on file.**

MassDOT,-- MBTA
procurement report.
SD2322

Petition.

Mr. deMacedo presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Viriato M. deMacedo for legislation to authorize the treasurer of Plymouth county to transfer certain funds;

Plymouth county,--
funds.
SD2320

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

Committee Discharged.

Mr. McGee, for the committee on Transportation, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1910) of Julian Cyr, Sarah K. Peake, Adam G. Hinds, Keiko M. Orrall and others for legislation relative to the maintenance of private ways, bridges and common amenities in municipalities,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government;

Private ways and
bridges,--
maintenance.

Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Bills

Authorizing the city known as the town of Franklin to establish a local agricultural commission with limited authority (House, No. 3785,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Franklin,--
agricultural
commission.

Authorizing the city of Peabody to grant 20 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3788, amended,-- on House, No. 2787) [Local approval received on House, No. 2787];

Peabody,-- liquor
licenses.

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

Report of the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 29) of Cynthia S. Creem, Patricia D. Jehlen, Marjorie C. Decker, Kay Khan and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote child well-being, community supervision and efficient use of state resources,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary,-- **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

Child safety,-- state
resources.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by (Mr. Brownsberger) “congratulating the Ethiopian Enkutatash-Boston Support Association on its celebration of the Ethiopian New Year.”

Ethiopian
Enkutatash-Boston
Support Association.

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The House Bill authorizing the town of Chelmsford to grant ten additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3880),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Chelmsford,--
alcohol licenses.

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Spilka, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Andrew Williams, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (House, No. 3848),-- ought to pass.

Andrew Williams,--
sick leave.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill 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. 3894) of Patricia A. Haddad and Linda Dorcena Forry for legislation to further regulate the domestic stock life insurance company, known as The Savings Bank Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts,-- **was referred in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Financial Services.**

The Savings Bank
Life Insurance
Company of
Massachusetts.

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.

Time of meeting.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. DiDomenico), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of State Trooper Patrick Ahl.

Moment of silence.

Adjourn In Memory of State Trooper Patrick Ahl.

The Senator from Plymouth and Norfolk, Mr. O'Connor, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of State Trooper Patrick Ahl.

State Trooper Patrick Ahl passed away at the age of 40 on August 21, 2017. Patrick was a veteran of the United States Army and served in Afghanistan in 2002. After his deployment, he served as a Massachusetts Corrections Officer and State Trooper, and was awarded the Medal of Valor for his bravery in saving a woman who was hydroplaning off a road.

Patrick was a lifelong Weymouth resident. He is survived by his two parents, two siblings, one grandparent, and many aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Patrick Ahl, at twenty-seven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.