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Thursday, December 14, 2017.

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

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 2E of Chapter 47 of the Acts of 2017) submitting the revised Fiscal Year 2018 transfer schedules for the following accounts: 1595-6368 Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund and 1595-6370 Regional Transit Authorities(received December 12, 2017), -- was placed on file.

Comptroller, -- transfer schedules. SD2418

Report.

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

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Section 60B(f) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its recommendation of the Debt Affordability Committee (received December 13, 2017); and

A&F,-- DAC recommendation. SD2420

Report of the Division of Insurance (pursuant to Section 4A of Chapter 175 of the General Laws) submitting its annual home insurance report for calendar year 2016 (copies having been forwarded as required to the Joint Committee on Financial Services and Senate Committee on Ways and Means).

DOI,-- home insurance report. SD2421

Petition.

Mr. Brownsberger presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation to prevent bureaucratic overreach in the collection of student debt;

Student debt,-- collection. SD2417

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

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Moore, for the committee on Higher Education, on petition, a Bill relative to the University of Massachusetts' ability to insure buildings (Senate, No. 679);

UMass,-- buildings.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 704 and House, No. 2230, a Bill protecting public higher education student information (Senate, No. 704, changed in line 5 by striking out the figure "11232g" and inserting in place thereof the following figure "1232g");

Public higher education,-- records.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 690 and House, No. 641, a Bill relative to the endowment match program (Senate, No. 2235); and

Match program,-- endowment.

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Marijuana Policy, on petition, a Bill

Marijuana,--

further regulating marijuana commercialization (Senate, No. 1067);

commercialization.

**Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

By Mr. Moore, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill to protect animal welfare and safety in cities and towns (Senate, No. 1159);

Animal welfare and safety.

**Read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4068) of Frank I. Smizik (by vote of the town) that the town of Brookline be authorized to grant thirty-five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises and five additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises;

Brookline,-- liquor licenses.

**To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4071) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr. and others (by vote of the town) relative to the authority of the town manager in the town of Chelmsford; and

Chelmsford,-- town manager.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4073) of Kevin G. Honan and Michael J. Moran (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to ownership and occupancy deadlines for residential property exemptions in the city of Boston;

Boston,-- property exemptions.

**Severally, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4069) of Adrian Madaro (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to regulate certain electric vehicle charging stations on said city;

Boston,-- electric vehicles.

**To the committee on Transportation.**

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for James McGonagle, an employee of the State Lottery Commission (House, No. 4060, amended,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

James McGonagle,-- sick leave.

A Bill authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the city of Malden (House, No. 4016, amended-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Malden,-- special police officers.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Kiernan Pinto of the town of Hingham on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout."

Kiernan Pinto.

*Message from His Excellency the Governor.*

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to establish the Massachusetts Code of Military Justice (Senate, No. 2236) (received in the office of the Clerk of the Senate on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at twenty minutes before three o'clock P.M.).

National Guard,-- code of military justice.

The message was read; and, under Senate Rule 20, with the accompanying bill, was referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

*Emergency Preambles Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marlene M. Ayash, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 3945), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0.

Marlene M. Ayash,--  
sick leave.

**The bill was signed by the Acting President (Ms. Forry) and sent to the House for enactment.**

An engrossed Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the city of Waltham (see House, No. 3975, amended), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0.

Waltham,-- land  
conveyance.

**The bill was signed by the Acting President (Ms. Forry) and sent to the House for enactment.**

*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 Senate Bill authorizing the Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Sheffield to the Great Barrington Housing Authority (Senate, 2102),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Sheffield,-- land  
conveyance.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill relative to quarterly taxes in the city of Lynn (Senate No. 2222),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Lynn,-- quarterly  
taxes.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill validating the actions taken at a certain town meeting in the town of Berlin (House No. 3961, changed),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Berlin,-- town  
meeting.

*Reports of Committees.*

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 designating a certain bridge in the town of Needham as the

Needham,-- bridge  
designation.

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James J. Delaney II, USMC Veterans Memorial Bridge (Senate, No. 1985, changed).

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Ross, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The House Bill placing a plaque at the Staff Sergeant Paul W. Cronin Memorial Arena in the city of Revere in honor of Roger Naples (House, No. 3964, amended).

Cronin Memorial  
Arena.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Ross, and the bill 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 relative to placing a plaque at the Staff Sergeant Paul W. Cronin Memorial Arena in the city of Revere in honor of Roger Naples".**

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Bedford as the Hart-Desiato Bridge (House, No. 4013).

Bedford,-- bridge  
designation.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Ross, and the bill 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 designating a certain bridge connecting the towns of Bedford and Carlisle as the Hart-Desiato Bridge".**

By Mr. Montigny, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Sal N. DiDomenico and Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr. for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Peter Garofalo, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Peter Garofalo,-- sick  
leave.  
SD2408

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Ross, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service.**

By Mr. Montigny, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Adam G. Hinds, Tricia Farley-Bouvier, Paul W. Mark and John Barrett for legislation relative to the Lafayette Trail.

Lafayette Trail.  
SD2415

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Ross, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation.**

**Severally sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4074) of Diana DiZoglio and others that the Department of Children and Families be authorized to establish a program that promotes infant sleep safety,-- **was referred in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.**

Infant sleep safety.

*Engrossed Bills.*

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 Acting President (Ms. Forry) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Authorizing the city of Salem to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 3941);

Bills laid before the Governor.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Marlene M. Ayash, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3945); and

Authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the city of Waltham (House, No. 3975, amended).

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Ross,--

*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.

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Forry), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Connor Francis Tronerud.

Moment of silence.

*Adjourn In Memory of Connor Francis Tronerud*

The Senator from Worcester and Norfolk, Mr. Fattman, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Connor Francis Tronerud.

Connor Francis Tronerud of Sutton tragically took his own life on Monday, December 4th, 2017, after struggling with bullying from peers.

Connor attended Assumption School in Millbury before graduating from Our Lady of Angels in Worcester, where he earned the highest GPA in the school's history and secured a spot in the National Junior Honor Society. He continued a trajectory of academic excellence at Marianapolis Preparatory School in Thompson, Connecticut, earning Headmaster's List honors in every quarter. He also enjoyed staying in the school's dormitories as a guest boarding student, helping problem solve with the Tech Crew, and playing for the Varsity Ultimate Frisbee Team.

At home, Connor could most commonly be found "chillaxing" in his room with his iPad, Nintendo, and peanut butter cookies. He also enjoyed going on hikes with his father and frequently looked to his mother for support as a confidant. Above all else, Connor helped foster an environment among peers in which being oneself and accepting other was truly "cool".

Connor leaves his parents Jason and Teresa Tronerud of Sutton; his maternal grandmother, Mary Farrar and her husband, Arthur of Ashland; his godparents, Mary Spino, who he affectionately called "Murl" and Corey Ferreira; two aunts, Paula Leblanc and Linda Brady; a special Auntie, Sharon Kee; a great uncle and aunt, Pat and Shelia Young; four cousins, Matt, Sean, Meaghan and Patrick; a dear family friend, Linda Chung as well as many school friends, and especially his

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family from Camp Stonewall.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Connor Francis Tronerud, at twenty-nine minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Ross, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

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