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Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Met at eleven 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.

Report.

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

Report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 205 of the Acts of 2008) submitting its fiscal year 2016 and 2017 annual reports relative to the prosecution and disposition of offenses established under "An Act Further Protecting Children" (received December 28, 2017);

EOTC,-- annual reports. SD2443

Report of the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2017 (received January 2, 2018); and

WRTA,-- financial statements. SD2444

Report of the Berkshire District Attorney's Office (pursuant to Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of wiretap interceptions for the 2016 calendar year (received December 27, 2017).

Berkshire DA,-- wiretap. SD2445

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4102) of Paul Brodeur (with the approval of the mayor and board of aldermen) relative to revisions to the charter of the city of Melrose; and

Melrose,-- charter.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4103) of Joseph D. McKenna (by vote of the town) relative to a certain conservation restriction in the town of Webster;

Webster,-- conservation restrictions.

Severally, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) "congratulating Alda E. LaChapelle on her one hundredth birthday."

Alda E. LaChapelle.

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 Senate Bill relative to the charter of the town of Wareham (Senate, No. 2144) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Wareham charter.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. deMacedo,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in a full formal session without 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 John J. Finnegan.

Moment of silence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill establishing an other post employment benefits trust fund of the town of Wellesley (see House, No. 4006) (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 (Ms. Forry) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

Adjourn In Memory of John J. Finnegan

The Senator from Essex, Ms. Lovely, requested that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of John J. Finnegan, 71, former Chief of Police in Beverly and Barnstable.

John J. Finnegan passed away Sunday, October 29, 2017, at his home in Salem. He was the beloved husband of Pamela A. (White) Finnegan and devoted father of Brian Finnegan of Glen Mills, Pennsylvania and Jennifer Garcia of New Bern, North Carolina.

Born in Everett, he was the son of the late John and Helen (Maguire) Finnegan of Revere.

A U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Finnegan served in the Republic of Vietnam. He joined the Beverly Police Department as a Patrol Officer in 1970 rising through the ranks becoming a Sergeant, Lieutenant, and then Captain. He headed the department's Criminal Investigation Division before being appointed Chief in 1985. After more than a decade as Chief in Beverly, Mr. Finnegan left the North Shore to become Chief of the Barnstable Police Department on Cape Cod, a position from which he retired in 2007.

He was a graduate of Northeastern University and held a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Suffolk University. He also was a graduate of the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Program.

During a long and distinguished career in law enforcement, Mr. Finnegan served on the Executive Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and Chairman of its Civil Rights Committee, as well as President of the Cape Cod Chiefs of Police Association. In 1995 while still Chief in Beverly, he received the Anti-Defamation League's Law Day Award; and in 2001 as Chief in Barnstable, he received the John F. Kennedy Jr. Community Service Award presented by the Hyannis Area Chamber of Commerce.

Following retirement, Mr. Finnegan and his wife lived in Florida for several

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years before returning to the North Shore where he worked as a consultant in law-enforcement matters and as a Special Investigator for the U.S. State Department.

Besides his wife and children, he is also survived by his brother, Daniel Finnegan; his sister-in-law, Joanne Finnegan; daughter-in-law, Melissa Finnegan; son-in-law, Gabriel Garcia; and four grandchildren, Ava, Quinn, Caitlyn and Nicholas. He was also the brother of the late Patricia (Finnegan) Shaughnessy.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of John J. Finnegan, at eighteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo, the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.