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Met at nineteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M.

The President, members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Petitions.

Petitions were severally received and referred, as follows, to wit:

Mr. Rosenberg presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2512) of Stanley C. Rosenberg (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Northampton to release a certain conservation easement (petition having been filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on April 24, 2018 and local approval received on Friday, May 4, 2018);

Northampton,--
conservation
restriction.

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

Mr. Tarr presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr and Bradley H. Jones, Jr. for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Lisa Fuccione, an employee of the Department of Public Health;

Lisa Fuccione,-- sick
leave.
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Under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Reports of a Committee.

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on Senate, Nos. 1081, 1085, 1098 and 1108, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to mental health and substance use disorder treatment (Senate, No. 2508);

Mental Health,
Substance Use and
Recovery
committee,-- study.

Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on the recommitted petition, a Bill requiring professional cleanup following a suspected fentanyl-related incident (Senate, No. 2378);

Fentanyl incident,--
cleanup.

Read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Committees Discharged.

Mr. Montigny, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to student health (Senate, No. 2424);

Education
committee,-- study.

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to personnel, SBA and technology (Senate, No. 2425);

Id.

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to assessments and accountability (Senate, No. 2426);

Id.

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Education to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to early education (Senate, No. 2427);

Id.

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to education issues (Senate, No. 2428);

Id.

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to school finance (Senate, No. 2429);

Id.

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to substance use treatment (Senate, No. 2439);

Mental Health,
Substance Use and
Recovery,-- study.

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to mental health issues (Senate, No. 2440);

Id.

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to vehicles (Senate, No. 2434);

Transportation
committee,-- study.

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to transparency and technology (Senate, No. 2435); and

Id.

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to state identification (Senate, No. 2436).

Id.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Rules;

Under Senate Rule 36, the reports were severally considered forthwith and accepted.

Mr. Montigny, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Senate Resolve relative to the digital right to repair (Senate, No. 2430),-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Rules;

Right to repair,--
digital.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2019 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4401,-- on House, No. 2, in part),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

General
appropriations bill.

Bills

Exempting Brian M. Belfiore from civil service maximum age requirements for the position of firefighter in the City of Haverhill (House, No. 4186,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Haverhill firefighter,--
- age requirements.

Providing a charter for the city of Melrose (House, No. 4464,-- on House, No. 4102) [Local approval received on House, No. 4102];

Melrose,--
charter.

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

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing the Nickerson State Park Trust Fund (see House, No. 3820, 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.

Nickerson State Park
Trust Fund.

The bill was signed by the President and sent to the House for enactment.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4472) of Kay Khan, Marjorie C. Decker and others for legislation to prohibit police officers from engaging in sexual relations while on duty.;

Police officers,--
sexual relations.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4473) of Jay R. Kaufman, Cindy F. Friedman and others for legislation to authorize the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District to lease certain land and buildings;

Minuteman Regional
Vocational Technical
School,-- land lease.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4474) of James J. O'Day and Anne M. Gobi for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Maria Benitez, an employee of the Department of Children and Families;

Maria Benitez,-- sick
leave.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4475) of Shawn Dooley relative to the veteran status of certain reservists;

Reservists.—veteran
status.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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 President and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Designating a certain bridge in the towns of Hanson and Hanover as the Hon. Charles W. Mann Bridge (House, No. 3849, amended); and

Bills laid before the
Governor.

Relative to savings bank life insurance (House, No. 3894, amended).

Recess.

There being no objection, at twenty-three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the President declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at twenty-five minutes past two o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Keenan in the Chair (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Recess.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

The Senate petition of Julian Cyr (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2513) relative to elder protection,-- came from the House with endorsement that the House had concurred in the suspension of Joint Rule 12; and had NON-concurred in the reference to the committee on Health Care Financing. The petition bore the further endorsement that the matter had been referred to the committee on Elder Affairs.

Elder protection.

On motion of Mr. Humason, the Senate receded from its referral to the committee on Health Care Financing and concurred in the reference to the committee on Elder Affairs.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill establishing the Nickerson State Park Trust Fund (see House, No. 3820, amended) (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 re-enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Keenan) and again laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill again laid before the Governor.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Humason,-

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Wednesday 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. Keenan), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of John Richard Serafini, Esquire.

Moment of silence.

Adjourn In Memory of John Richard Serafini, Esq.

The Senator from Essex, Ms. Lovely, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of John Richard Serafini, Esq.

Mr. John Richard Serafini, Esq., 95 of Prides Crossing and Salem, husband of the late Angelina (Arena) M. Serafini, entered eternal rest on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers surrounded by his family.

Born in Salem, John was the son of the late Enrico and Galdina (Gentile)

Serafini. He was raised and educated in Salem and was a graduate of Salem High School, Class of 1940. He continued his education at Boston College, but the war interrupted his studies and the Navy sent him to Officer Candidate School at Tufts University and then to Gunnery School at Columbia.

An honorably discharged veteran, John proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy, as a Lieutenant JG during World War II, serving on the U.S.S. Broadwater, receiving several awards and ribbons for his dedicated service.

John continued his studies at Boston College, following the war, graduating in 1946 and then at Boston College, School of Law, graduating in 1949 receiving his Juris Doctor.

1949 was a big year for John, he got married, completed law school and passed the bar exam. He began his professional career with the law firm of Hill and Blake of Salem. In 1956 he struck out on his own and formed John R. Serafini, Esq. in Salem, which over time grew to Serafini, Serafini, Darling and Correnti, Attorneys at Law, one of the most trusted law offices in Salem and on the North Shore.

Through his profession and with his wisdom, Attorney Serafini helped create the city of Salem landscape as we now know it today. He was instrumental in the development of Salem in many realms, especially through real estate, business and housing developments. Through his great foresight and love of the city of Salem, John always kept both the private and public sectors in mind as the city grew. He was greatly respected for his wisdom, thoughtfulness, his ability to articulate and examine each situation from all viewpoints and his gentlemanly nature. No matter the project, he was working on, he ensured it was consistent with the city's welfare. Many of the well-known projects that have redefined the Salem landscape include; the Peabody Essex Museum, major improvements to the North Shore Medical Center, rebuilding the Salem Armory, redeveloping the former Parker Brothers site, and major new buildings on Highland Avenue today, among many others. His vision for the city was clear and his achievements benefited all. He was a true pillar of the city of Salem.

Active in civic and professional circles, John donated much of his free time to Salem institutions. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Salem, the Salem Rotary Club. He was a member of the former St. Mary's Italian Church of Salem and currently a communicant of St. Margaret's Church in Beverly Farms. He was an overseer of the Peabody Essex Museum and served on the Board of Directors of North Shore Medical Center for 47 years and was its clerk during the period of the merger with Partners Healthcare. He was co-chair of fund raising for the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers and was on the Board of Directors of Empire Clothing and Shawmut Merchants Bank.

A local political stalwart, John was elected to the Salem City Council in 1951, where he served for 10 years including two as president. He was a political advisor to many local politicians on the local and state level, as many sought his keen advice.

John had a deep love of family and spent time with his beloved wife Ann, traveling across the world and wintering in Naples, Florida. He was a voracious reader, a passionate film connoisseur and current events and political analyst. Yet above all else, his deepest love was always his family.

John lived an extraordinary life, of business success, community development, charitable giving and acclaim, yet his greatest and most proud achievement was his family. He was a true gentleman and has left a legacy that

will live on well beyond his years.

John is survived by his daughters, Linda Serafini and her wife Cathy Welsh of Acton, Gayle Richmond and her husband William of Pawley's Island, South Carolina, his sons, John R. Serafini Jr. and his wife Stefanie of Hamilton, and Paul Serafini and his wife Teri of Concord, his eleven grandchildren, John Read, Peter, Paula, Andrea, Will, Joshua, John Harrison, Rachel, Taylor, Angelina and Julianne and his four great-grandchildren, Elise, Olivia, Avery and Theo. John also leaves his dear friend and companion of many years, Alice Murphy, of Beverly. He was the brother of the late Theodora Currier.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of John Richard Serafini, Esq., at twenty-eight minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Humason, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.