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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



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Wednesday, June 6, 2018.

Met at eighteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Rodrigues in the Chair).

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

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Pledge of allegiance.

### *Report.*

Report of the Asian American Commission (pursuant to Section 68(e) of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its 2017 Annual Report (received June 4, 2018), -- **was placed on file.**

Asian American Commission,-- 2017 report. SD2673

### *Reports of a Committee.*

By Mr. Welch, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Senate Resolve to examine cost trends and financial performance among nursing facilities (Senate, No. 349),-- ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new resolve with the same title (Senate, No. 2541) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Nursing facilities,-- financial performance.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, that the Senate Bill relative to the closing of hospital essential services (Senate, No. 1199),-- ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2542) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000]; and

Hospital,-- services.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, that the Senate Bill creating Autism teams in hospitals (Senate, No. 1221),-- ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2543) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Autism,-- provider knowledge.

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

### PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to community benefit districts (House, No. 4546,-- on Senate, No. 82 and House, No. 1971),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Community benefit districts.

### *Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.*

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

The House Bill further regulating the position of the town manager in the town of Upton (House, No. 4121) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Upton,--town manager.

The House Bill further authorizing the sale of a certain parcel of land in the town of North Attleborough (House, No. 4248) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to**

North Attleborough land.

be engrossed, in concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

The House Bill providing continued investment in the life sciences industry in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4501, amended),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had concurred in the Senate amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2531, as amended by striking out, in line 60, the figure “\$5,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure “\$10,000,000” *with a further amendment* striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the Senate) and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4572.

Life sciences.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the further House amendment was adopted, in concurrence.**

*Recess.*

There being no objection, at two minutes past twelve o’clock noon, the Chair (Mr. Rodrigues) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and at four minutes before two o’clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Boncore in the Chair.

Recess.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

*Committee of Conference Report*

A report of the committee of conference of the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendments to the House Bill providing for capital facility repairs and improvements for the Commonwealth (House, No. 4045) (*amended by the Senate* by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2300), reporting the accompanying bill (House, No. 4549),-- came from the House, and was read.

Capital facility repairs.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. deMacedo, the report was accepted, in concurrence.**

*Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.*

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

The House Bill authorizing the towns of Andover and North Reading to enter into an agreement for the supply of potable water (House, No. 4552),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Andover, North Reading,-- water.

*Recess.*

There being no objection, at three minutes before two twelve o’clock P.M., the Chair (Mr. Boncore) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-four minutes past two o’clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Boncore in the Chair (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by the Senate Rule r, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Recess.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

*Emergency Preambles Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill providing continued investment in the life sciences industry in the Commonwealth (see House, No. 4501, 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.

Life sciences.

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

An engrossed Bill providing for capital facility repairs and improvements for the Commonwealth (see House, No. 4549), 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.

DCAMM Bond.

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

*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:

Further regulating the position of town manager in the town of Upton (see House, No. 4121); and

Bills laid before the Governor.

Authorizing the sale of a certain parcel of land in the town of North Attleborough (see House, No. 4248).

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in a full formal session with a calendar.

Time of meeting.

*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 Albert J. "Al" Perette Jr.

Moment of silence.

*Adjourn In Memory of Wallace "Wally" Meigs.*

The Senator from Plymouth and Norfolk, Mr. O'Connor, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Wallace "Wally" Meigs.

Mr. O'Connor in the Chair, on May 15th, 2018, Hingham resident Wallace "Wally" Meigs passed away peacefully with his children by his side at the age of 96. Wally is known throughout the community for his active engagement in boating, charitable contributions through his church, and service to his country.

Wally was born and raised in Brookline, Massachusetts, and went on to attend Trinity College in Connecticut. From there, he was drafted to serve in World War II,

and was enlisted in the US Army, and later on, the US Air Force. Wally proudly served his country from overseas in the Philippines, Singapore, Japan, and Guam.

After returning from his honorable service, Wally graduated from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a degree in Industrial Management. He worked as a Mechanical Engineer for Whitin Machine Works and Morgan Construction collectively for over 50 years. Wally enjoyed ship model building and made great use of his personal woodworking shop, from which he invented and patented multiple items of his own.

All throughout his life, Wally shared his love of boating, clamming, fishing, and golf with his family. After moving to Hingham, he became an active member of the Hingham Yacht Club and enjoyed exploring the Boston Harbor Islands on his repurposed lobster boat, “Kestrel”. An active member of St. John’s the Evangelist in Hingham, Wally served as a member of the vestry and contributed to their building and grounds committee.

Wally was the beloved husband to the late Patricia (Hobbs) Meigs. He is survived by his son Joe Meigs and his wife Susan, his daughter Rebecca Meigs, his son Stephen Meigs and his wife Leigh, his daughter Sarah Meigs, his son Cooper Meigs, and his son Thomas Meigs and his wife Julia. Wally is also survived by many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Wally was cherished by his community and will be missed by all who knew him for his love of his family, his community, and his country.

Mr. Boncore in the Chair, accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Wallace “Wally” Meigs, at twenty-nine minutes past two o’clock P.M., on motion of Mr. O’Connor, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M.