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

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

Pledge of allegiance.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Bills

Relative to the establishment of a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4001,-- on Senate, No. 1506 and House, Nos. 1524, 1644, and 2610);

Property tax exemption,-- seniors.

Relative to postpartum depression screening (House, No. 4808,-- on House, No. 1156);

Postpartum depression,- screening..

Relative to workplace safety (House, No. 4811, amended,-- on House, No. 3633);

Workplace safety.

Relative to school transportation (House, No. 4840, amended,-- on House, Nos. 2857 and 3552);

School transportation.

Relative to diabetes prevention (House, No. 4844,-- on House, No. 1128);

Diabetes prevention.

Relative to state contracting (House, No. 4851,-- on House, No. 1660);

State contracting.

Relative to mandated reporters (House, No. 4852,-- on House, Nos. 77 and 3042) (also based on House, No. 4491);

Mandated reporters.

Relative to the small necessities leave act (House, No. 4859,-- on House, No. 2363);

Small necessities leave act.

Relative to Massachusetts policy and procedures for missing and abducted children (House, No. 4863,-- on House, No. 3615); and

Missing children,-- procedures.

Relative to certain genetically targeted drug coverage for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (House, No. 4865,-- on House, No. 3644);

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy,-coverage.

Were severally read, and under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills

Relative to regional schools (House, No. 271,-- on petition); and

Regional schools.

Designating Domestic Workers' Rights Day (House, No. 4736,-- on petition);

Domestic Workers' Rights Day.

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Gobi) "commemorating the two hundredth birthday of women's rights and abolition advocate, Lucy Stone";

Lucy Stone.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Humason) "recognizing August 7, 2018 as Purple

Purple Heart Day.

Heart Day in the Commonwealth”;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) “commending the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic for its recognition of August 10, 2018 as Grand Army of the Republic Day”; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka and Mr. Ross) “honoring Lawrence ‘Vangie’ Sticka on the dedication of Lawrence ‘Vangie’ Sticka Square in the town of Natick.”

Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Lawrence “Vangie” Sticka.

Engrossed Bill Returned by Governor with Recommendation of Amendment.

The engrossed Bill to promote and enhance civic engagement (see Senate, No. 2631) (which on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, had been laid before the Governor for his approbation), was returned to the Senate Clerk by the Governor on Friday, August 3, 2018, at a quarter past three o’clock P.M., with a message recommending an amendment.

Civic engagement.

The message (Senate, No. 2650) was read and the Senate proceeded to reconsider the bill, in accordance with the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution.

Pending action thereon, the bill was referred to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, on motion of Mr. O’Connor.

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 relative to special police officers in the town of Burlington (House, No. 4030, amended),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Burlington,-- special police officers.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Thomas Millett, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2638).

Thomas Millett,-- sick leave.

The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O’Connor, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

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 establishing a sick leave bank for Jodi Cipriano, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 4554, amended),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Jodi Cipriano-- sick leave.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tiffany Sonnier, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (Senate, No. 2639).

Tiffany Sonnier,-- sick leave.

The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O’Connor, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a

third reading.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Elizabeth Kendall, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 4734,-- on petition),-- was read.

Elizabeth Kendall,--
sick leave.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M.

Time of meeting.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Senator and Rear Admiral John Francis Aylmer.

Moment of silence.

Adjourn In Memory of Former Senator John Francis Aylmer.

The Senator from the Cape and Islands, Mr. Cyr, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of John "Jack" Aylmer of Centerville.

Mr. Aylmer lived a long and memorable life, serving his country in the United States Navy and as the Senator for Barnstable, Dukes, Nantucket, and Plymouth counties for six consecutive terms from 1971 - 1982.

Mr. Aylmer was a Cape local to his core. Born and raised on the Cape, he endlessly contributed to his community through hard work and tireless service. After graduating from Barnstable High School, Jack pursued a Bachelor of Science degree from Massachusetts Maritime Academy, an education that was entirely self-funded through his work operating a tugboat for the New England Dock & Dredge Company. After he graduated, he began his Navy service and spent two years aboard the USS Mattabasset in the Mediterranean during the United States' intervention in Lebanon. He received an honorable discharge from the Navy and continued his maritime career as a Merchant Marine Officer and then Commander in the United States Navy Reserve for 23 years until his retirement. Jack split his time between his career on the water and his career as a public servant. He took his first step toward a political career in 1966 when he ran and was elected to the Town of Barnstable's Board of Selectmen. At the same time, he was receiving his Master's Degree in Education from Bridgewater State University. In 1970, he ran for his first term as a member of the Massachusetts State Senate representing thirty-six towns in Plymouth County, Cape Cod, and the Islands. During his six-term tenure in office, he made legislative contributions that have shaped Cape Cod to this day. He authored and supported numerous bills that led to the preservation and establishment of the Cape's most famous historic sites and shorelines. Senator Aylmer was appointed Assistant Senate Minority Leader and served on the Senate Ways and Means Committee while in office. In 1981, his alma mater, the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, appointed him to the prestigious position of President of the college and Rear Admiral, U.S. Maritime Service. Admiral Aylmer led Massachusetts Maritime Academy for ten years. Mr. Aylmer managed to juggle military service, community service, and a

political career all while maintaining involvement in his favorite pastime, the long-time tradition of baseball on the Cape. He played for the Barnstable Barons in 1952 and eventually helped found two Cape Cod Baseball League teams later in his life, in Hyannis and Bourne. He earned a spot in the Cape Cod Baseball League Hall of Fame in 2012. He is survived by his beloved wife Anne, his three sons, John Jr., Peter, Patrick, and his seven grandchildren. Senator Aylmer serves as an example for us all, to work passionately and tirelessly for our country and communities, and to create lasting positive change for generations to come. We mourn our former colleague and may he rest in peace.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of John “Jack” Aylmer, at twenty-five minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. O’Connor, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M.