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Thursday, August 9, 2018.

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

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Petition.

Mr. Brady presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael D. Brady for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Richard G. Perry, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation;

Richard G. Perry,-- sick leave. SD2742

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

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Boncore) "commemorating the observance of August 18, 2018 as Eastie Pride Day";

Eastie Pride Day.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hinds) "commemorating the Tanglewood Music Center and celebrating Leonard Bernstein's one hundredth birthday";

Tanglewood Music Center.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Christopher Walter Behm on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout"; and

Christopher Walter Behm.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Robson Rodrigues Jr. on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout."

Robson Rodrigues Jr.

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 House Bill authorizing the appointing authority of the town of Mansfield to appoint police cadets to the police department of the town (House, No. 1327),-- was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mansfield,-- police cadets.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Hopkinton to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4389),-- was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Hopkinton,-- tax exemption.

The House Bill directing the City of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Hugh Trong Ngo (House, No. 4608),-- was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Hugh Trong Ngo.

Report of Committees.

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 John F. Keenan and Mark J. Cusack for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Chung Tam, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Chung Tam,-- sick leave.
SD2740

The rules were suspended, at the request of Mr. O'Connor, 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.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jodi Cipriano, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (see House, 4554), 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.

Jodi Cipriano,-- sick leave.

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

A Bill relative to the assessment of betterments for improvements to private ways in the town of Sandwich (House, No. 3711, amended,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Sandwich,-- betterments.

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.

A Bill authorizing the town of Montague to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4462, amended,-- on House, No. 4340) [Local approval received on House, No. 4340],-- was read.

Montague,-- alcohol license.

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.

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

Authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the town of Burlington (see House, No. 4030, amended); and

Bills laid before the Governor.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jodi Cipriano, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (see House, No. 4554, amended)

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on

Time of meeting.

Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Friedman), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of David M. Tracht.

Moment of silence.

Adjourn In Memory of David M. Tracht.

The Senator from Essex, Ms. Lovely, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of David M. Tracht of Salem.

David M. Tracht passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 26, 2108 at the age of 75. He was the beloved husband of Anne Marie (Donovan) Tracht, with whom he shared 35 wonderful years of marriage.

Born in Boston, David was the son of the late Irving and Dorothy (Lieberman) Tracht. He was a proud graduate of Babson College in 1963 and worked for the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind for 41 years before retiring in 2008.

David was very involved in his community and served for several years as the chairperson of the Salem Commission on Disabilities.

David enjoyed watching the Patriots, playing in his fantasy football and baseball leagues, and attending musicals at North Shore Music Theater. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family, particularly taking superb care of his granddaughters. He will be remembered by all for his kind and gentle spirit.

In addition to his wife, those left to cherish his memory are his children, Ashley McHarrie and her husband, John, of Salem; Scot and Michael Tracht, both of Brockton; and his treasured granddaughters, Maggie and Chloe McHarrie. He also leaves his brother Leon Tracht and his wife Arlene of Tarpon Springs, Florida, as well as many close friends and extended family.

Please say a kind word, do a kind deed, and make the world a better place, just as David did.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of David M. Tracht, at twenty-seven minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.