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Met at sixteen 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 (Mr. Friedman), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Report.

Report of the Franklin Regional Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its financial statements and supplementary information for the year ended June 30, 2018 (received September 14, 2018),-- **was placed on file.**

FRTA,-- financial
statements.
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PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preambles.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Donna Paul, an employee of the Department of Correction (see Senate, No. 2166), 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.

Donna Paul,-- sick
leave.

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

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tiffany Sonnier, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see Senate, No. 2639), 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.

Tiffany Sonnier,--
sick leave.

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

An engrossed Bill relative to accidental disability retirement for Jan Witkowski (see House, No. 3790, 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.

Jan Witkowski,--
disability retirement.

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

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 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),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Montague,-- liquor license.

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A Bill relative to electric vehicle charging stations in the city of Boston (House No. 4069,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Boston,-- charging stations.

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

A Bill authorizing the town of Auburn to relocate Faith Avenue and convey remnant parcels of real property (House, No. 4551, amended-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Auburn,-- land conveyance.

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

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4909) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and Brendan P. Crighton for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for G. Scott Angelo, an employee of the Trial Court;

G. Scott Angelo,-- sick leave.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4912) of Robert M. Koczera and William M. Straus for legislation to designate the Weld Street exit on state Route 18 in the city of New Bedford as the Giammalvo family memorial exit;

New Bedford,-- Route 18.

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

Report of a Committee.

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 Marc R. Pacheco and Keiko M. Orrall for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kelli Jones, an employee of the Department of Mental Health.

Kelli Jones,-- sick leave.
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The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, 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.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

The Senate Bill relative to the appointment of retired police officers in the town of Essex (Senate, No. 2271),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence *with an amendment* in section 8, in line 49, by inserting after the word "benefits" the following:- "provided, however, that said special police officers shall be subject to chapter 151A of the General Laws".

Essex,-- retired police officers.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

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 Vincent “Vinnie” DiSessa.

Moment of silence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first two of which originated in the Senate), 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:

Establishing a sick leave bank for Donna Paul, an employee of the Department of Correction (see Senate, No. 2166);

Bills laid before the Governor.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Tiffany Sonnier, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see Senate, No. 2639);

Relative to the assessment of betterments for improvements to private ways in the town of Sandwich (see House, No. 3711, amended); and

Relative to accidental disability retirement for Jan Witkowski (see House, No. 3790, amended).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

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

Time of meeting.

Adjourn In Memory of Vincent “Vinny” J. DiSessa

The Senator from Plymouth and Norfolk, Mr. O’Connor, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Vincent “Vinny” J. DiSessa of Weymouth.

On August 22, 2018, Vincent “Vinny” J. DiSessa of Weymouth passed away surrounded by his loving family at the age of 93.

Mr. DiSessa truly was a cornerstone of the Weymouth community and was known throughout for the tremendous role he played in the public education system. By the end of his life, he was the embodiment of the values of Weymouth for his love of his hometown, his service to his country, and above all, the profound kindness he showed to everyone he came in contact with.

After graduating high school in Everett, Mr. DiSessa enlisted in the United States Army in 1943. He joined the Ordinance Division, where he was trained in the repair of military equipment and ammunition supply. In 1944, he was deployed first to New Guinea, and then to the Island of Peleliu, where his infantry aided in the takeover of the island during Operation Forager.

Upon his return in 1945, Mr. DiSessa enrolled in and graduated from Fitchburg State Teacher’s College, and then went on to receive a master’s degree from Northeastern University. He began his teaching career in Attleboro in 1949 before settling into a lifelong career teaching at Weymouth High School for 61 years. From 1955 to 1990, Mr. DiSessa taught a course in mechanical drawing and industrial arts. Upon his retirement, he continued to teach as a substitute teacher until 2016.

Mr. DiSessa substituted for almost every teacher in Weymouth High and came to be known by every student not only for his excellence in teaching, but especially for his warmth and constant positive attitude. He set a lifelong example for his students and fellow teachers as a genuine, kindhearted person who risked his life for our country and always cared deeply for his own community.

His colleagues and students looked at Mr. DiSessa as a local hero and a good neighbor. They could tell that when Mr. DiSessa asked “how are you”, he sincerely wanted to know. He provided an example of the joyful performance of one’s job and reminded everyone of the kind of person one should strive to be.

Mr. DiSessa was predeceased by his beloved wife Anna P. Marchesi. He is survived by his daughter Elizabeth DiSessa and her partner Joan Chaput of West Tisbury, his daughter Carolyn Lambert and her husband Paul of Belchertown, and his son David DiSessa of Enfield, Connecticut. He is the longtime companion of Claire MacCormack of Weymouth and Boca Raton, Florida. He is the loving grandfather of Dylan Chaput, John DiSessa, and James DiSessa. He is the brother of the late David DiSessa and Carmella Baldi.

Mr. DiSessa will be dearly missed by all who knew and respected him, and will always be remembered for his happiness, his loyalty, and his service to our country.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Vincent “Vinny” J. DiSessa, at seventeen minutes before twelve o’clock noon, on motion of Mr. Fattman, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M.