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Met at four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger 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. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communications.

The following communications were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment (pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2018) of Jonah Beckley of Boston to the Commission on Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention; and

Commission on Community Behavioral Promotion and Prevention.

Communication from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, submitting its copy of FY2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant application (received October 19, 2018).

EOPSS, -- JAG application. SD2800

Reports.

The following reports were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Report of the Human Resources Division (pursuant to Section 25 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws) submitting its civil service fire and police chiefs promotional eligible lists that have been revoked (received October 18, 2018); and

HRD,-- promotional eligible lists. SD2799

Report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (pursuant to Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the October 2018 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund report (received October 19, 2018).

DUA,-- trust fund report. SD2801

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4932) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Harwich be authorized to issue three additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be consumed on premises;

Harwich,-- liquor license.

To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4933) of Joseph F. Wagner, Eric P. Lesser and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the retirement benefits of certain employees of the city of Chicopee;

Chicopee,-- retirement benefits.

To the committee on Public Service.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brady) "congratulating Alex Light on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Alex Light.

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Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brady) “congratulating Tyler MacLeish on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Tyler MacLeish.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fattman) “recognizing the Milford Portuguese Club, Inc. on its one hundredth anniversary”; and

Milford Portuguese Club, Inc.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka and Mr. Ross) “honoring Michael J. Perkins on the occasion of the dedication of the Michael J. Perkins Armory at the 26th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade Headquarters in the town of Natick.”

Michael J. Perkins.

*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 Senate Bill authorizing the town of Hardwick to continue the employment of fire chief Raymond Walker (Senate, No. 2586),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Hardwick,-- fire chief.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Berkley to grant an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2596) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Berkley,-- liquor license.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The House Bill authorizing the Town of Danvers to grant 10 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4459) (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.**

Danvers,-- liquor license.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Williamsburg to continue the employment of fire department members Alan Everett and Robert Lapointe (House, No. 4703, amended),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Williamsburg,-- fire department.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the city of Chicopee to establish a water and sewer department (House, No. 4914,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Chicopee,-- water and sewer department.

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

A Bill relative to the charter of the city of Greenfield (House, No. 4936,-- on House, Nos. 2778 and 4483) [Local approval received on House, Nos. 2778 and 4483],-- was read.

Greenfield,-- charter.

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

*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 Walter R. Brooks, Jr.

Moment of silence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

*Emergency Preamble Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill supporting the Mohawk Trail Woodland Partnership (see House, No. 4880, 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.

Mohawk Trail.

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

*Engrossed Bills.*

The following engrossed bills (the first 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 (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Bills laid before the Governor.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Richard G. Perry, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (see Senate, No. 2661);

Exempting the position of part-time police officer in the police department in the town of Athol from the civil service law (see House, No. 4146);

Authorizing the town of Northfield to continue the employment of Floyd Dunnell, III (see House, No. 4675, amended);

Relative to the disability retirement of public safety personnel in the city of Quincy (see House, No. 4719); and

Providing for the financial stability of the city of Methuen (see House, No. 4905, changed and amended).

Bill again laid before the Governor.

An engrossed Bill supporting the Mohawk Trail Woodland Partnership (see House, No. 4880, 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. Brownsberger) and again laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tarr--

*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 Walter R. Brooks, Jr.*

The Senator from Cape and Islands, Mr. Cyr, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Walter R. Brooks, Jr., of Harwich.

Walter R. Brooks Jr. passed away on August 9, 2018 at the age of 87. Mr. Brooks made countless contributions to the Commonwealth and beyond during his 65 year career as an innovator in media and journalism.

Mr. Brooks was born in 1930 in Woodbury, Connecticut to Walter Brooks Sr. and Evelyn Mae Clark. After attending the Taft School and the University of Connecticut, Mr.

Brooks joined his father in the newspaper business. A prodigious journalist, advertiser, and director, Mr. Brooks would go on to work for the Village Voice, the New York Post, the Greenwich Times, the Naugatuck Daily News, the Amherst Journal-Record, the Enfield Press, the Cape Codder, and MPG Communications. A frequent visitor to Cape Cod, Mr. Brooks met his wife, Patricia, in Provincetown in 1959. The young couple moved to Harwich in 1965, where they have lived ever since.

Their love of Cape Cod inspired them to found Best Read Guides, a tourism publication, in 1988. An astute businessman, Mr. Brooks soon franchised the publication to vacation areas throughout the United States. Mr. Brooks realized the potential for digital media before many of his peers in print media, and moved Best Read Guides online in 1996. Then, in 1998, he created CapeCodToday.com, one of the first online-only local news sites in the United States.

The creation of CapeCodToday.com, where he worked as an editor until his death, is but one of many contributions Mr. Brooks made to Cape Cod over the course of his life. He will be remembered as a staunch advocate for Cape Cod's schools, which he encouraged to be more transparent through occasional articles in Cape Cod Today. In addition to his professional success, Mr. Brooks was a kind and effective manager. Robert Fellows, a journalist for Cape Cod Today noted, "One could not ask for a finer, more caring mentor than Walter Brooks."

Mr. Brooks is survived by his wife, Patricia, two sons, Todd and Jay, and two grandchildren, Will and Marina Brooks, and his brother-in-law Jim Twite.

He will be remembered as a loving father and grandfather, a generous and kind businessman, and a joyful Cape Codder who will be missed by many.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Walter R. Brooks, Jr., at twenty-seven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.