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Thursday, November 8, 2018.

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guest.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Boncore) introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Yi Wei Lim, a recently elected member of the State Assembly of Selangor, Malaysia. Prior to her new position, she was a member of the City Council in Petaling Jaya. Ms. Lim is in Boston on a legislator exchange with the American Council of Young Political Leaders and has been working in the office of Senator Eldridge for the past 2 weeks. She is focusing on the issues of economic empowerment, civic education and youth engagement in the political process. The Senate applauded her accomplishments, she signed the guest book on the Rostrum and withdrew from the Chamber. She was a guest of Senator Eldridge.

Yi Wei Lim.

Communications.

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

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader of the Senate, announcing the following appointments:

Mr. Warren Pearce, Jr. (pursuant to Section 188 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) to the special commission to study new business registration; and

New business registration.

Sergeant John D. Magulas (pursuant to Section 219 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) to the special commission to study the prevention of suicide among correction officers.

Correction officers,-- suicide study.

Reports.

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

Report of the Supplier Diversity Office of the Operational Services Division (pursuant to Section 4 of Chapter 219 of the Acts of 2016) submitting its annual report on the efforts at expanding opportunities for individuals with disabilities in all areas of state procurement and contracting (received November 5, 2018);

OSD,-- annual report. SD2817

Report of the Department of Telecommunications and Cable (pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 25C of the General Laws) submitting its Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Report (received November 5, 2018);

DTC,-- annual report. SD2818

Report of the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its annual financial statements and single audit report for the year ended June 30, 2018 (received November 5, 2018);

SERTA,-- financial statements. SD2819

Report of the Water Resources Commission (pursuant to Section 8C of Chapter 21 of the General Laws) submitting a report on the Interbasin Transfer Act request from the Town of Ashland (received November 6, 2018); and

WRC,-- Town of Ashland. SD2821

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Report of the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 12(a) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting its Statutory Basis Financial Report (SBFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 (received November 6, 2108).

Comptroller,-- FY18
SBFR.
SD2822

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to authorizing the town of Hanover to grant abatement of real estate taxes to certain surviving spouse (House, No. 4955),-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.**

Hanover,-- real estate
tax abatement.

Report of the committee on Education asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4925) of Dylan Fernandes and Julian Cyr relative to authorizing the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District to lease a certain parcel of land to Martha's Vineyard Community Services, Inc.,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government,-- **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, an accepted, in concurrence.**

Martha's Vineyard
Regional High
School District,--
land lease.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Barrett) "congratulating Anna and Neil Rasmussen on the opening of the Anna and Neil Rasmussen Education Center at the Concord Museum";

Anna and Neil
Rasmussen.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely, Ms. L'Italien and Messrs. Tarr and Crighton) "recognizing the one hundredth anniversary of the North Shore Chamber of Commerce, Inc."; and

North Shore
Chamber of
Commerce, Inc.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) "congratulating Luke Davies on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout."

Luke Davies.

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

Message from His Excellency the Governor (pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Clause (2) of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation regarding the authorization of the town of Sturbridge to issue an additional license for sale of all alcoholic beverages (Senate, No. 2673) (received in the office of the Clerk of the Senate on Monday, November 5, 2018 at four o'clock P.M.).

Sturbridge,-- liquor
license.

The message was read; and, under Senate Rule 20, with the accompanying bill, was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the House for concurrence.

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 establishing a solid waste and recycling capital improvement fund for the town of Dennis (House, No. 3898, amended),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Dennis,--capital
improvement fund.

The House Bill establishing a waterways capital improvement fund for the town of Dennis (House, No. 3899, amended),-- **was read a third time and passed to be**

Id.

engrossed, in concurrence.

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Burlington as the Lance Corporal Gregory E. MacDonald Memorial Bridge (House, No. 4569),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Burlington,-- bridge designation.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The House Bill relative to the affordable housing trust fund of the town of Brewster (House, No. 4619,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Brewster,-- affordable housing.

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

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Yin Yu-Wong, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (House, No. 4943, amended,-- on petition),-- was read.

Yin Yu-Wong,-- sick leave.

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.

Engrossed Bill Returned with Recommendation of Amendment.

A message from His Excellency the Governor, returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Keri Volk, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 4616) [for message, see House, No. 4906],— came from the House with an amendment in the form approved by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and as amended by the House as follows:- in line 5 (as engrossed) by inserting after the word “by Keri Volk” the words “to care for her child”.

Keri Volk,-- sick leave.

The message, as amended was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was before the Senate subject to amendment and re-enactment.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the Governor’s amendment, as amended, was considered forthwith.

On motion of the same Senator, the Governor’s amendment, as amended, was adopted, in concurrence.

Sent to the House for re-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. Boncore) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Bills laid before the Governor.

Creating senior tax relief in the town of Carver (see Senate, No. 2670);

Authorizing the county of Dukes County to borrow funds to pay costs of wastewater treatment facility improvements, capital improvements and capital equipment at the Martha’s Vineyard Airport (see House, No. 4506, amended); and

Changing the membership of the representative town meeting of the town of Norwood (see House, No. 4718).

Recess

There being no objection, at seventeen minutes before twelve o’clock noon, the Chair

Recess.

(Mr. Boncore) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and at two o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Boncore in the Chair.

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 Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Richard Maynard, an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 2668),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Richard Maynard,--
sick leave.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr--

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

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 Roland N. St. Pierre.

Moment of silence.

Adjourn In Memory of Roland St. Pierre

The Senator from Essex, Ms. Lovely, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Roland St. Pierre.

Mr. Roland N. St. Pierre, 84, of Salem, beloved husband of Mary J. (Brown) St. Pierre, died Friday, October 12, 2018, at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers surrounded by his loving family. Born and raised in Salem, he was the son of the late Joseph and Ida St. Pierre. He was a graduate of St. Mary's High School in Lynn. Roland continued his education receiving his bachelor's degree in Education.

Mr. St. Pierre had been employed at Lynn Technical and Vocational High School as an Auto Body teacher for over 25 years, where he was known for his dedication to his students and his expertise in his field. He was proud to see his students graduate and go on to have successful careers and honored to have been a part of their success.

A loving husband, father, and grandfather, Roland was a true family man. He enjoyed many outdoor activities with his family and friends, boating and fishing, traveling abroad and barbecuing with his "special sauce". He also enjoyed a good game of golf. He was a man who truly knew how to enjoy life. On the dance floor he and Mary were always the couple to watch. He was a spontaneous man as you might find yourself on a day trip to New York City, boating on the Cape Cod Canal, or the Charles River on one of his many unplanned excursions. He was a lifelong resident of Salem, a communicant of the Immaculate Conception Church, a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 76 of Salem for many years, and a former member of the Salem Willows Yacht Club. His outgoing personality endeared him to many and he will be deeply missed by his loving family and many dear friends.

In addition to his loving wife Mary, his high school sweetheart, with whom he shared 64 years of marriage, Roland is survived by his daughters, Catherine St. Pierre and her husband Paul Savasta of Salem, Terryanne St. Pierre and her husband George Fallon of Salem, and Cynthia St. Pierre of Boston; his son, Marc St. Pierre of Gloucester and his partner Joseph Jefferies; his four grandchildren, Stephanie Savasta and her husband Raphael Simard, Joseph Savasta, Caroline Savasta and Erik Sayce and his wife Jennifer

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Pullen, all of Salem; and his nieces, Lisa Sheldon and her husband Philip, and Taryn Belgiorno and her husband Steve; and many cousins here and in Canada.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Roland St. Pierre, at ten minutes past two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.