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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Eldridge 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. Eldridge), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Reports.

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

Report of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8 of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2018 annual report (received December 10, 2018); and

PVTA,-- FY18 annual report. SD2843

Report of the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8 of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its 2018 annual report of Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (received December 10, 2018); and

GATRA,--FY18 annual report. SD2844

Report of the Nantucket Regional Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for the fiscal year 2018 (received December 11, 2018).

NRTA,-- FY18 annual report. SD2845

Petition.

Mr. Tarr presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr and Barbara A. L'Italien for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Tiffany Gibb, an employee at Tewksbury State Hospital;

Tiffany Gibb,-- sick leave. SD2846

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

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Montigny, for the committee on Rules, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the House Bill to establish an early retirement incentive program for Barnstable County (House, No. 4107, amended),-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means;

Barnstable County,-- early retirement.

Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4995) of Stephen Kulik (by vote of the town) that the town of Montague be authorized to grant an additional liquor license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises,-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Montague,-- liquor license.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the follows matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

The House Bill exempting J. Adam Stagno from the maximum age requirement for police officers in the town of North Andover (House, No. 3794),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

North Andover,--
police officer.

The House Bill allowing the chair of the board of selectmen of the town of Orange to appoint a designee to serve on the town's board of trustees for soldiers' memorials (House, No. 4145) (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.**

Orange,-- soldiers'
memorials board of
trustees.

The House Bill establishing a town manager form of government in the town of Pembroke (House, No. 4607, amended) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time.

Pembroke,-- town
government.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. DeMacedo presented an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2681.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

The recommitted Senate Bill relative to critical incident intervention by emergency service providers (Senate, No. 2633),-- was considered, the recurring question being on concurring in the House amendment.

Critical incident
intervention.

Mr. Moore requested that the Senate concur in the House amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4850) *with a further amendment* striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2684.

After remarks, the Senate concurred in the House amendment with the further amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the further amendment.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Brownsberger, for the committee on the Judiciary, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Cheryl Ann Gracia, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2683).

Cheryl Ann Gracia,--
sick leave.

The bill was read. 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.

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robert Socha, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2679).

Robert Socha,-- sick
leave.

The bill was read. 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.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Maria Krull, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (Senate, No. 2680).

Maria Krull,-- sick
leave.

The bill was read. 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.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

A Bill requiring the appointment of additional members to the Somerville Redevelopment Authority (House, No. 4951,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Somerville Redevelopment Authority.

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 relative to the removal of certain elected financial officials for the town of Sherborn (House, No. 4996,-- on House, No. 4533) [Local approval received on House, No. 4533],-- was read.

Sherborn,-- elected officials.

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 petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4997) of RoseLee Vincent and Joseph A. Boncore for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Michael Hooton, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Michael Hooton,-- sick leave.

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 (Mr. Eldridge) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Authorizing the town of Hatfield to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4878); and

Bills laid before the Governor.

Authorizing the town of Ayer to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4907).

Moment of Silence

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Eldridge), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Worcester Firefighter Christopher Roy.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at one o'clock P.M., in all formal session without a calendar.

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Christopher J. Roy

The Senator from Worcester, Mr. Moore, and the Senator from Worcester, Ms. Chandler, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Worcester Firefighter Christopher J. Roy, 36.

Mr. Moore and Ms. Chandler in the Chair, today, we gather together to adjourn in memory of Worcester Firefighter Christopher Roy, whose life was tragically taken the morning of Sunday, December 9, 2018 in the line of duty.

Firefighter Roy was assigned to Ladder 4 at the Webster Square Fire Station in Worcester. At 3:58 in the morning, he joined firefighting colleagues to respond to a 5-

alarm house fire.

After entering the blaze, and after helping to ensure no other person was in the home, Firefighter Roy fell victim to rapidly deteriorating conditions at the site. The subsequent injuries sustained from the fire claimed the life of this courageous first responder.

Firefighter Roy was a 2½-year member of the Worcester Fire Department, lives in the town of Shrewsbury, and leaves behind a 9-year-old daughter.

Firefighters wake up, put on their uniform and are faced with the uncertainty of not knowing what each day will bring. Both on and off duty, they answer the call.

The outpouring of support for the Roy family and the Worcester Fire Department makes it clear how important our Firefighting community is to residents in Worcester and across our Commonwealth.

The Massachusetts Senate stands side-by-side with members of the Worcester Fire Department and the local community to honor Firefighter Roy and our departed brothers and sisters and to thank those who still serve today or who have retired from service.

We will never forget their commitment to public safety, or the families they leave behind.

Mr. Eldridge in the Chair, accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Christopher J. Roy, at twenty-two minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Fattman, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at one o'clock P.M.