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Met at one minute past ten o'clock A.M. (Ms. Friedman in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 2E of Chapter 47 of the Acts of 2017) submitting the Fiscal Year 2017 transfer schedules for the following account:1599-6152 State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund (received August 4, 2017),-- was placed on file.

Comptroller,-- transfer schedules. SD2294

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3872) of Stephen Kulik and Adam G. Hinds (by vote of the town) that the town of Ashfield be authorized to allow persons sixteen years of age or older to vote in town elections in said town;

Ashfield,-- voting age.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3873) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) that the town of Weston be authorized to increase the number of signatures required to place an article on the warrant of said town; and

Weston,-- town warrant.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3874) of RoseLee Vincent and Joseph A. Boncore (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the preliminary elections in the city of Revere;

Revere,-- preliminary elections.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3875) of Jack Lewis (by vote of the town) that the town of Ashland be authorized to assume all rights, obligations, contracts, title to property, assets, liabilities, including outstanding litigation, and responsibilities of the Ashland Redevelopment Authority; and

Ashland,-- Redevelopment Authority.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3876) of RoseLee Vincent and Joseph A. Boncore (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Revere be authorized to pay a certain sum of money to Juanita A. Haas (Brandariz);

Revere,-- city payment.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Millbury to issue an additional liquor license (House, No. 3789,-- on House, No. 3739) [Local approval received on House, No. 3739]; and

Millbury,-- liquor license.

Authorizing the town of Southborough to enter into a land exchange agreement with St. Mark's School of Southborough, Inc. (House, No. 3809,-- on

Southborough,-- land exchange.

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House, No. 3717) [Local approval received on House, No. 3717];

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

A report of the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3502) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr. and others relative to notification of changes to flexible spending accounts, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing,— **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

Flex spending accounts.

Resolutions.

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

Dodge Park Rest Home, Inc.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Chandler and Mr. Moore) “congratulating the Dodge Park Rest Home, Inc. on its fiftieth anniversary.”

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Messages were severally read and referred, in concurrence, as follows:-

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to empowering law enforcement to cooperate with the United States to transfer custody of convicted criminals (House, No. 3870);

Convicted criminals,-
- custody.

To the committee on the Judiciary.

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to establishing a sales tax holiday (House, No. 3871);

Sales tax holiday.

To the committee on Revenue.

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 Travis Tkaczek for legislation relative to limiting the cost of public higher education.

Public higher education,-- cost.
SD2260

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Ross, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Higher Education.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3879) of Denise C. Garlick relative to MassHealth reimbursements to local educational authorities;

MassHealth,--
reimbursements.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3878) of Paul R. Heroux relative to the definition of licensed mental health professionals under certain insurance laws;

Mental health professionals.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3877) of Paul R. Heroux for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Lornece Tull, an employee of the Department of Correction;

Lorence Tull,-- sick leave.

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

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Ross,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

Adjourn In Memory of John P. Dami.

The Senator from Cape and Islands, Mr. Cyr, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of John P. Dami of Mashpee. Mr. Dami passed away at Cape Cod Hospital on July 1, 2017. He was 74 years old.

Mr. Dami devoted his life to public service. He served for forty years in the Mashpee Police Department and in the 82nd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army. His passing has left many mourning in the Mashpee community, especially members of the police department.

Mr. Dami was a loving husband, father, brother, and son to his family. He was a dedicated husband of 25 years to Deborah F. Dami, and in addition to his wife, he is survived by his son Brian Costa and his wife, Jessica Costa; two brothers, Richard Dami of Wellesley and Paul Borsari of Brewster; three sisters, Cecelia Healy of Bridgewater, Laura Maffeo of Weymouth and Margaret Mulhern of Westwood; three grandchildren; and extended family.

Mr. Dami leaves behind an extraordinary legacy – of service to his community and country. He was active in the Mashpee community and maintained a humble and kind demeanor to all around him. As he once told Mashpee Police Officer Joseph Catene, “Be the same guy all the time. Be the same guy in uniform and out of it.” May we all reflect on Mr. Dami’s words as we continue in our dedication to public service.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of John P. Dami, at nine minutes past ten o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Ross, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.