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TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019.

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Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

Met at twenty-one minutes before twelve o'clock noon (Mr. DiDomenico in the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. DiDomenico), 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 of Phyllis Smith of Franklin (under Section 66 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women;

Status of Women, --
commission.

Communication from the Superintendent of Bridgewater State Hospital submitting a plan of corrective action following an inspection of Bridgewater State Hospital, dated December 3 and 4, 2018 (received January 17, 2019); and

Bridgewater State
Hospital,-- corrective
action.
SD2228
Alzheimer's Advisory
Council,-- report.
SD2229

Communication from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (pursuant to Section 16AA of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting a status update on the Alzheimer's Advisory Council first annual report (received January 17, 2019).

Communication from the Massachusetts State House Press Association (pursuant to Joint Rule 32) submitting an updated list of the legislative reporters who constitute the Massachusetts State House Press Association and the State House Broadcasters Association (received January 22, 2019).

State House Press
Association.
SD2231

Report.

Report of the Cape and Islands District Attorney's Office (pursuant to Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of wiretap interceptions for the 2018 calendar year (received January 17, 2019),-- **was placed on file.**

Cape & Islands DA,--
wiretaps.
SD2230

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

The annual report (accompanied by bill, House, No. 67) of the Public Employee Retirement Commission (under sections 21, 102 and 103 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) relative to the per centum change in the average cost-of-living as shown by the United States consumer price index for the year 2018 compared with such index for the year 2017,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

PERAC,-- annual
report.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointment by the Speaker.

Representative Cassidy of Brockton to the special commission established (under Section 76 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) to review data concerning the epidemiology of brain injury and the needs of individuals with acquired brain injury and persons with traumatic brain injury and their families.

Brain injury,--
special commission.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointment by the Minority Leader.

Dr. Danna Mauch, President and CEO of the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health, to serve as his designee (under Section 1 of Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2018) on the Commission on Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention.

Behavioral health,--
commission.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Barrett and Ms. Friedman) “commending the Honorable Jay R. Kaufman on his distinguished career as a Representative in the Massachusetts General Court.”

Jay R. Kaufman.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to protecting the Commonwealth from dangerous persons (printed in House, No. 66,-- being a message from His Excellency the Governor),-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.**

Dangerous persons.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. DiDomenico), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Phyllis Augusciak Smyth.

Moment of silence.

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.

Adjournment in Memory of Phyllis Augusciak Smyth

The Senator from Worcester and Norfolk, Mr. Fattman, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Phyllis Augusciak Smyth.

Phyllis Augusciak Smyth, age 91, passed away peacefully on December 15, 2018. Phyllis, an only child, was born August 5, 1927 in her home on Blanchard Avenue in Uxbridge. She was the daughter of Stefan Augusciak and Ida (Kupis) Augusciak. Phyllis was married to Stanley A. Smyth, Jr. on October 14, 1950. They were the first mixed religious couple to be married at the altar in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Uxbridge.

Phyllis graduated from the Uxbridge Public School system in 1945. She received a degree from Bryant University in 1947. She was a member of the American Banking Association and worked at the Blackstone Valley National Bank from 1947-1951 before taking a 19 year sabbatical to raise her children. She worked as a bookkeeper for Charles E. Clarke, Inc. from 1970 -1979 and for Bellsom Crafts as the accounts payable specialist from 1980 – 1990.

Phyllis was a volunteer in and leader of many organizations in Uxbridge. She was a member of the Samaritan Society, North Uxbridge School PTA, Board of Registrars, Polish American Social and Civic Corporation, Uxbridge Town Common Preservation Committee, Board of Directors for Tri-River Health Center, and the Uxbridge Woman's

Club.

She was the mother of Sheryl Smyth Romasco and S. Alton Smyth, III both of Uxbridge. She leaves 4 grandchildren: Nicholas A. Romasco of Douglas, Alexa K. Romasco of Uxbridge, Allison Smyth Doll of Douglas and Stephen A. Smyth of Uxbridge.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Phyllis Augusciak Smyth, at seventeen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.
