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Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

Met at twelve minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Boncore in the Chair).

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Communication.

The following communications were severally received and placed on file:

Communication from Michael D. Hurley, Clerk of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Andrea Crighton of Lynn as 2nd Assistant Clerk of the Senate; and

2nd Assistant Senate Clerk.

Communication from the Honorable Cindy F. Friedman, State Senator relative to the reporting of the Restoration Center Commission (pursuant to Section 225 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) (received April 11, 2019).

Restoration Center Commission.

Reports.

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

Report of the State Retiree Benefits Trust Board (pursuant to Section 24(f) of Chapter 32A of the General Laws) submitting its budget for fiscal year 2020 (received April 10, 2019); and

SRBT,-- FY20 budget. SD2395

Report from the Plymouth County Sheriff (pursuant to Section 84 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) submitting its report reflecting the aggregate data population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of 2019 (received April 11, 2019).

Plymouth Sheriff,-- data population report. SD2396

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2200) of Walter F. Timilty (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Milton [Local approval received];

Milton,-- police officers.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. Brownsberger, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation relative to freedom of expression for public school students;

Students,-- freedom of expression. SD2394

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Report of the committee on Public Service asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 36) of the Department of the State Treasurer as relates to the 401(k) CORE program,-- and recommending that the

401(k),-- CORE program.

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same be referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight,--
was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) “congratulating Eliza Wolf Menzel of the city of Framingham on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of America”; Eliza Wolf Menzel.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) “congratulating Jenna Riedl of the city of Framingham on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of America”; Jenna Riedl.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) “congratulating Emma Bograd of the town of Hopkinton on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of America”; and Emma Bograd.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) “congratulating Grace Darkow of the city of Framingham on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of America.” Grace Darkow.

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended o the Senate petition of Walter F. Timilty for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for James Lovett, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation. James Lovett,-- sick leave. SD2389

The rules were suspended, at the request of Mr. Fattman, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A bill relative to the fire district in the town of Williamstown (House, No. 1760, amended-- on petition),-- was read. Williamstown,-- fire district.

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.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3689) of James M. Murphy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Maryanne Healey, an employee of the Middlesex Sheriff’s Office; Maryanne Healey,-- sick leave.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3690) of Denise C. Garlick that the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey certain parcels of land in the town of Needham; Needham,-- land conveyance.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman --

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

Moment of Silence.

Adjournment in Memory of Ross Alameddine

The Senator from Essex, Mr. Crighton, presented a request that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Ross Alameddine.

Twelve years ago today, on April 16, 2007, Ross Alameddine of Saugus, and 31, others were tragically taken by gun violence on the campus of Virginia Tech University. Ross was an English major with minors in French and business. He attended St. Mary's Grammar School in Melrose and was a 2005 graduate of Austin Preparatory School in Reading. Ross loved roller-blading, movies and music. He played piano and sang at the coffee house at Austin Preparatory. Ross's fondness of language and voicing strong opinions made him an active participant in French and Debate Clubs at Austin Prep. He is survived by his parents, Lynnette Alameddine of Saugus and Dr. Abdallah Alameddine and his sister Yvonne Alameddine.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Ross Alameddine, at seventeen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Fattman, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.