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Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

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

The Chair (Mr. Rodrigues), 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 Senator Brendan P. Crighton (pursuant to Section 33 of Chapter 99 of the Acts of 2018) to the special commission on adult disabled housing (received July 8, 2019) ; and

Adult disabled housing commission,-- appointment.

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Senators Julian Cyr and Joan B. Lovely (pursuant to Section 97 of Chapter 209 of the Acts of 2018) to the Special Legislative Commission relative to Ocean Acidification (received July 8, 2019).

Ocean Acidification Commission,-- appointments.

Reports of a Committee.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill allowing the city of Westfield to set the salary of the city clerk as the clerk of the city council through local process (Senate, No. 2197) [Local approval received]; and

Westfield,-- city clerk.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Winchendon (Senate, No. 2249) [Local approval received];

Winchendon,-- charter.

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

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Housing, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 784) of Nick Collins, Jason M. Lewis, Patrick M. O'Connor and Paul R. Feeney for legislation to create a bill of rights for people experiencing homelessness; and

Homelessness,-- bill of rights.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 816) of Rebecca L. Rausch, Harriette L. Chandler, Patricia D. Jehlen, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide a bill of rights for people experiencing homelessness;

Id.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Severally, under Senate Rule 36, the reports were considered forthwith and accepted.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Marc R. Pacheco and Angelo L. D'Emilia for legislation to authorize the transfer of care and control of certain parcels of land in the town of Bridgewater from the Department of Correction to the Department of Fire Services;

Bridgewater,-- land.
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Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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 House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Peter Ferony, an employee of the Trial Court of the commonwealth (Senate, No. 2237) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Peter Ferony,--
sick leave.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Framingham as the Deanna K. Richards memorial bridge (House, No. 3067,-- on petition),-- was read.

Framingham,--
memorial bridge.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, 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. 3963) of Josh S. Cutler and others relative to wage transparency;

Wage transparency.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3962) of Marc T. Lombardo for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Beth Baldwin, an employee of the Division of Capital Asset and Management Maintenance; and

Beth Baldwin,--
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3964) of Angelo M. Scaccia and Michael F. Rush for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Salvador A. Bolanos, an employee of the Parole Board;

Salvador A.
Bolanos,-- sick leave.

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

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow 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. Rodrigues), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Judy M. Mills.

Moment of silence.

Adjournment in Memory of Judy M. Mills.

The Senator from Cape and Islands, Mr. Cyr, presented a request that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Judy M. Mills (née Ulbin) of Mashpee.

Judy left this earth on June 11, 2019 at the age of 71 surrounded by her family and friends after an extended, courageous battle with cancer. Judy was born to parents Gloria (Robinson) and Joseph Ulbin in New Bedford, and spent many years in Dartmouth before moving to Mashpee over 40 years ago.

Judy dedicated herself to public service in Mashpee and was dedicated to environmental protection and stewardship. Ms. Mills served on the Mashpee Select Board from 1991 to 1996, the Mashpee Conservation Commission, the Mashpee Planning Board, and was an inaugural member of the Board of Water Commissioners. Judy helped oversee the creation of water district, which serviced new areas of Mashpee and extended access to the public water supply to nearly the entire town of Mashpee. “A handful of people, including Judy, started from scratch and brought a public water supply to Mashpee... Judy made an indelible mark on the town and left it a better place. If you enjoy the open spaces of Mashpee or our high-quality drinking water, you have Judy Mills to thank for it.”

Those who knew Judy appreciated her love of gardening, bird watching, and traveling and spending time with her family, as well as her talent for painting and photography. Judy spent countless hours tending to her gardens throughout her property in Mashpee that she shared with her soul mate, “C”.

Judy is survived by her devoted husband of 35 years, William C. Mills. She leaves her only daughter, Melissa (Lemieux) Wojtkowski, her wife Tina Wojtkowski and grandchildren, Riley and Cameron Scherer. Judy leaves her sisters, Pamela Lajoie of Fairhaven, Gail Stapanon of Maryland and sister-in-law Bonnie Gowdy. She leaves one nephew and many nieces whom she had special relationships with specifically Heather, Janelle, Rachelle and Tanya. Judy was predeceased by her mother, Gloria Ulbin, father Joseph Ulbin and brother, Jeffrey. She leaves loving and supportive friends who were with her at the end of her journey, Andrew Gottlieb, Donna Vorhees, and Ed Soares.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Judy M. Mills, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. O'Connor, the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.