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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2020.**

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Thursday, January 2, 2020.

Met at ten minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Creem in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Ms. Creem) handed the gavel to Mr. Timilty for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Timilty then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Randolph Town Manager, Brian P. Howard and Randolph Police Chief, William Pace. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Brian P. Howard and William Pace.

Communication.

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader, announcing the appointment of Ms. Maureen Flately as his designee (under Chapter 450 of the Acts of 2014) to the commission relative to services for unaccompanied homeless youth,-- placed on file.

Unaccompanied homeless youth.

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Youth Services (pursuant to Section 22 of Chapter 120 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2019 (received December 30, 2019);

DYS,-- FY19 annual report. SD2710

Report of the special commission to study the financial and economic impacts of crumbling concrete foundations due to the presence of pyrrhotite (pursuant to Section 103 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018, as amended by Section 96 of Chapter 142 of the Acts of 2019) submitting its final report of findings and recommendations (received December 30, 2019);

Crumbling Concrete Commission,-- final report. SD2711

Report of the Massachusetts Housing & Shelter Alliance (pursuant to line item 7004-0104 of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019) submitting its updated report on Home and Healthy for Good: A Solution Driven Model (received January 2, 2020);

MHSA,-- report. SD2715

Report of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (pursuant to Section 35FFF of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting its 2019 Nickerson State Park Trust Fund and Douglas State Forest Maintenance Trust Fund Reports (received December 31, 2019); and

DCR,-- trust fund reports. SD2716

Report of the State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (pursuant to Section 18N(b) of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its annual report (received December 31, 2019).

DV review team,-- annual report. SD2717

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4283) of Natalie M. Blais and Adam G. Hinds (by vote of the town) that the town of Chester be authorized to convert the positions of town treasurer, town tax collector and town clerk from elected positions to appointed

Chester,-- elected to appointed positions.

positions,-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

*Committee to Inform the Governor.*

Pursuant to an order previously adopted, the following Senate members are appointed to inform His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council that the Senate is prepared to do business in 2020.

Notifying the Governor.

The Chair (Ms. Creem) then appointed Senators Lovely, Timilty, Rausch, Crighton, Kennedy, Pacheco and O'Connor to said committee on the part of the Senate.

Notice was received from the House that Representatives Donato of Medford, Jones of North Reading, Hill of Ipswich, Wong of Saugus, O'Day of West Boylston, Day of Stoneham, Cutler of Pembroke, Vincent of Revere, D'Emilia of Bridgewater, Stanley of Waltham, Garlick of Needham, Cabral of New Bedford, Markey of Dartmouth, Cullinane of Boston and Garballey of Arlington, were appointed the committee on the part of the House.

**Subsequently, Ms. Lovely, for the committee, reported that it had attended to its duty. The committee was discharged.**

*Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robert Aronosky, an employee of the Worcester County House of Correction (Senate, No. 2442).

Robert Aronofsky, -- sick leave.

**The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Chandler, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

*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 authorizing the town of Eastham to establish a water connection assistance program (House, No. 3908) (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.**

Eastham,-- water assistance.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Ian McCulloch on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Ian McCulloch.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Bryan Reis on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Bryan Reis.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Ryan Shetzline on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout"; and

Ryan Shetzline.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Ryan Trinchet on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout."

Ryan Trinchet.

*Committee of the House.*

The Chair (Ms. Creem) welcomed a committee of the House of Representatives that arrived to declare that the House of Representatives is now assembled and ready to proceed to business.

Committee of the House.

*Committee to Inform the House.*

Pursuant to an order previously adopted, the following Senate members were appointed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate is prepared to do business in 2020.

Notify House of Representatives.

Senators DiDomenico, Brady, Feeney, Friedman, Gobi, Chandler and Tarr were appointed to the committee.

**Subsequently, Ms. Friedman, for the committee, reported that it had attended to its duty. The committee was discharged.**

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Lovely), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Cara E. Murtagh.

Moment of silence.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Brownsberger,--

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next 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 Cara E. Murtagh.*

The Senator from Suffolk, Ms. Lovely, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Cara E. Murtagh.

Cara E. Murtagh passed away unexpectedly at the age of 44. Born in Salem, she was the daughter of Carol (Santangelo) Murtagh of Peabody and the late John M. "Jack" Murtagh.

Cara was a lifelong resident of Peabody and a graduate of Bishop Fenwick High School, class of 1993. She continued her education at Emanuel College and received her bachelor's degree in 1997 and her master's degree there as well.

For the past 23 years, Cara had been actively involved with Peabody Public Schools. Her first teaching job was first grade at Saint John's in Peabody. She continued teaching first grade at the Carroll School and continued her ascent as Vice Principal at the Carroll School for seven years, then Principal of the Center School for one year. She then returned to the Carroll School as Principal for several years, and then was assistant Superintendent of Schools. For the past two years she served as Superintendent of Schools for the city of Peabody.

Cara was a kind, generous, and giving person who always put her students first. She worked tirelessly over the past 23 years, both publicly and privately, to ensure that the children's needs were always met first. She had numerous accomplishments and achievements over her short career, many of which were unseen by the general public, just the way she would have wanted it to be. When she wasn't working, she enjoyed traveling during her time off.

Peabody has lost a tremendous person who worked tirelessly in front of and behind the scenes to ensure the students received exactly what they needed to ensure their success. Cara will be remembered for her motto "Every student, every day." She will be dearly missed.

Cara is survived by her mother, Carol (Santangelo) Murtagh of Peabody; her sister, Kim Murtagh of Peabody; her brother, Sean Murtagh and his wife Colleen of Greenbush, N.Y.; and her niece and nephews, Ashley, Michael, and Jack Murtagh, as well as her many

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friends, colleagues, and students.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Cara E. Murtagh, at two minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Ms. Lovely, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.