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Met at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4588) of Elizabeth A. Poirier (by vote of the town) that the town of North Attleborough be authorized to grant two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises and one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town;

North Attleborough,-
- liquor license.

To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4590) of Aaron Vega (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to further regulate certain affordable housing in the city of Holyoke;

Holyoke,--
affordable housing.

To the committee on Housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4589) of Daniel R. Carey (by vote of the town) that the town of Hadley be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land dedicated for park purposes in said town;

Hadley,--
park land.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill relative to designating a certain bridge in the town of Falmouth as the Deputy John Robert Kotfila Jr. memorial bridge (see House, No. 3170, amended), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0.

Falmouth,-- bridge
designation.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and sent to the House for enactment.

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 Senate Bill authorizing the city of Gloucester to designate certain property for park and conservation purposes (Senate, No. 2330) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Gloucester,-- land
designation.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Recess.

There being no objection, at twenty-four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-five minutes before one o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill to address challenges faced by municipalities and state authorities resulting from COVID-19 (House, No. 4598) ,-- was read.

COVID-19,-- challenges.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on the motion, of Ms. Rausch, and the bill was read a second time.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Rodrigues moved that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2619.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time, and, after remarks, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Bills laid before the Governor.

Exempting certain affordable housing in the city of Boston from public procurement laws (see House, No. 3696); and

Authorizing the city of Methuen to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4142, amended).

Recess.

There being no objection, at ten minutes before one o'clock P.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at two minutes past five o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4611) of James Arciero and others relative to creating a presumption of job relatedness for certain public safety personnel and first responders suffering from incapacitation or inability to perform their duties as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection or exposure,-- **was referred in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee Public Service.**

Responders,-- COVID-19 exposure.

Moment of Silence.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Andrew Galanis.

Moment of silence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A report of the committee on Public Service, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4611) of James Arciero and others relative to creating a presumption of job relatedness for certain public safety

Responders,-- COVID-19 exposure.

personnel and first responders suffering from incapacitation or inability to perform their duties as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection or exposure,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security,— **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Andrew Galanis.

The Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Andrew Galanis of Ipswich, Massachusetts, who died on February 28, 2020 at the age of 88.

Andy was an active and admired member of the Ipswich community. In 1950, Andrew graduated Ipswich High School and after taking courses at Bentley University he returned to help out at the family business, the Agawam Diner. On December 28, 1959, Andy married his lovely wife, Georgia Galanis. The two were married for sixty years, raising three children. During his eighty years at the diner he got to know his customers and provided them with an incredible experience during their visits. As he often told customers, friends, and family, “he is headed for the big diner in the sky.”

In addition to his commitment to the family diner, Andy enjoyed traveling and visiting his family in Greece, rooting for his children during their sports games, and going on trips with his diner buddies. He will also be remembered for bringing coffee and clam chowder to his children’s tailgates. Additionally, he spoke proudly of his children and grandchildren’s accomplishments while hanging up articles about them in the diner. Andy will be remembered for his remarkable personality and lasting impact on all those who had the pleasure to meet him.

Andy is survived by his beloved wife, Georgia; children, son John and his wife, Christine Galanis; daughter, Ethel and her husband Paul DePasquale; and daughter Angela and her husband, Barry Mitchell; and six grandchildren, Andrew Galanis, Constantine Galanis, Derek DePasquale, Nicholas DePasquale, Andrew Mitchell, and Hannah Mitchell.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Andrew Galanis, at six minutes past five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Timilty, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.