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Thursday, September 17, 2020.

Met at nine minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Friedman 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 (Ms. Friedman), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Rausch, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2909) of Rebecca L. Rausch and David Paul Linsky (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the investment of trust funds benefiting the town of Sherborn Library [Local approval received]; and

Sherborn library,-- trust funds.

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2908) of Bruce E. Tarr and Bradford Hill (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the appointing of an Acting Town Manager in the town of Ipswich [Local approval received];

Ipswich,-- town manager.

Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. DiDomenico, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation relative to retirement classification;

Retirement classification. SD3052

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

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill making technical corrective changes to the Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund tax assessments (see House, No. 4073, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Ms. Friedman) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Bill laid before the Governor.

Reports of Committees.

The following reports were laid before the Senate, the time within which the said committee was required to report having expired:-

Of the committee on Health Care Financing, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the Bill ensuring safe patient access to emergency care (Senate, No. 2767).

Emergency care,-- access.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr; and the matter was considered forthwith.

On further motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate Bill was substituted for the report of the committee.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

The bill (Senate, No. 2767) as read and, under Senate Rule 27, was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Of the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2770) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Jay D. Livingstone and William N. Brownsberger for legislation to authorize the lease of the former Lee Pool Complex located in the city of Boston.

Boston,--
Lee Pool Complex.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the matter was considered forthwith.

On further motion of Mr. Tarr, the bill was substituted for the report of the committee.

The bill (Senate, No. 2770) was read and, under Senate Rule 27, was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Rockland (Senate, No. 2904) [Local approval received];

Rockland,-- charter.

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

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Joan B. Lovely for legislation relative to real estate tax abatements to help businesses impacted by the Phase IV reopening plan;

Businesses,-- tax
abatements.
SD3047

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Revenue.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The Senate Bill relative to the Burncoat Pond Watershed District (Senate, No. 1186),-- was read a third time.

Spencer,-- Burncoat
Pond Watershed.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Gobi presented an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2910).

The amendment was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2910) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill exempting the position of police chief in the town of Charlton from the civil service law (Senate, No. 2402) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Charlton,--
police chief.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Westford to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4339, amended) (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.**

Westford,--
liquor license.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Alexandra Jordankova, an employee of the department of developmental services (House, No. 4816),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Alexandra
Jordankova,--
sick leave.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4978) of Christine P. Barber and others for legislation to address estate recovery issues due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

COVID-19,-- real
estate recovery.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4979) of John J. Mahoney relative to source plasma donation centers;

Source plasma
donation centers.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4980) of David Allen Robertson for legislation to authorize Deina Abdelkader, an employee of the University of Massachusetts, to join the State Contributory Retirement System; and

Deina Abdelkader,--
retirement.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4981) of Todd M. Smola for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Mary Moulton, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services;

Mary Moulton,--
sick leave.

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

Order.

The following House Order (approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) was considered as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on The Judiciary be granted until Thursday, November 12, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4944.

The Judiciary,--
extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4968) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

A Bill providing for the appointment and removal authority of the town administrator of the town of Wilbraham for officers and employees of the town other than those employees of the Wilbraham Police Department, Wilbraham Fire Department and Wilbraham Department of Public Works (House, No. 4848,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Wilbraham,--
employees.

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

A Bill relative to certain affordable housing in the Brighton section of the city of Boston (House, No. 4915,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Brighton,--
affordable housing.

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

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Friedman), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection in memory of former Senator Martin J. Dunn.

Moment of silence.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Moran) “congratulating Adrian C. J. Dufresne on the occasion of his retirement”; and

Adrian C. J.
Dufresne.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Heidi Taylor on receiving the woman of achievement award by the Girls Incorporated of Taunton.”

Heidi Taylor.

Adjournment in Memory of former Senator Martin J. Dunn.

The Senators from Hampden and Hampshire, Messrs. Velis and Lesser, the Senator from Hampden, Mr. Welch, the Senator from Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex, Ms. Gobi, the Senator from Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester, Ms. Comerford and the Senator from Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden, Mr. Hinds moved that when the Senate adjourn today, it adjourn in memory of Martin J. Dunn who passed away on September 11, 2020 at the age of 64.

Born and raised in Holyoke, Martin, or Marty as he was known by many, graduated from Holyoke High School in 1974. He went on to graduate from Northfield Mount Herman and Columbia University, and completed his Juris Doctor at Suffolk University Law School.

After finishing school, Marty returned to Holyoke to practice law, and served on the City’s Board of Alderman until 1987 when he was elected Mayor of Holyoke. In 1991, he was elected to the Massachusetts State Senate from the Hampden and Hampshire District, a seat he held until 1993. He would later serve as legal counsel for the State Senate, and most recently was a partner in the law firm of Dunn & Wilson Attorneys at Law.

Marty dedicated his life to helping his community and those around him. He believed that government was about service, and worked tirelessly to help constituents, no matter the issue. Those in Holyoke knew him to be a constant advocate for the City, and someone who went out of his way to help people find employment, education opportunities, and to recover from personal issues like addiction. His generosity, work ethic, and selflessness were known far and wide.

Marty’s commitment to Holyoke and his community went far beyond his elected office. He was a member of many civic organizations, including the Holyoke YMCA, Holyoke Parade Committee, and the Holyoke Elks. He loved participating in community events, including Holyoke’s Annual St. Patrick’s Day Road Race. He was a constant source of energy and humor, and brightened the lives of all those around him.

Marty is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Kathleen Destromp Dunn, as well as a large family of cousins, nieces, and nephews. He died peacefully with family and close friends by his side.

Holyoke and the Western Massachusetts community grieves the loss of our friend, former Mayor, Senator, and Community Leader, Martin J. Dunn.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of former Senator Martin J. Dunn., at twenty-four minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M.