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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

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Monday, September 14, 2020.

Met at twenty-five minutes before twelve o'clock noon (Mr. Rodrigues 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. 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 Executive Office of Public Safety and Security submitting a copy of the FY20 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (received September 11, 2020); and

EOPSS,-- Edward Byrne JAG. SD3048

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to the pending enactment of the Fiscal Year 2021 General Appropriations Act) submitting the FY21 transfer schedule for the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund (received September 11, 2020).

Comptroller,-- transfer schedule. SD3050

Reports.

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

Report of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 60(b) of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting recommended distribution percentages from the Race Horse Development Fund (received July 20, 2020);

MAGC,-- Race Horse Development Fund. SD3043

Report of the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds (pursuant to Section 4 of Chapter 4 of the Acts of 2003 and Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure from the County Registry's Technological Fund (copies having been forwarded as required to the Senate Committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight) (received September 3, 2020);

Norfolk County Registry of Deeds,-- report. SD3044

Report of the Fall River District Registry of Deeds (pursuant to Section 4 of Chapter 4 of the Acts of 2003 and Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure from the County Registry's Technological Fund (copies having been forwarded as required to the Senate Committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight) (received September 3, 2020); and

Fall River Registry of Deeds,-- report. SD3046

Report of the Massachusetts Water Resources Commission (pursuant to Section 8C of Chapter 21 of the General Laws) submitting its report relative to the approval of the town of North Reading's request for an interbasin transfer (received September 11, 2020).

MWRC,-- North Reading interbasin transfer. SD3049

Petition.

Ms. Lovely presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) 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

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

*Reports of Committees.*

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 Jonathan Green for legislation relative to the ban of menthol tobacco.

Menthol tobacco,--  
ban.  
SD3024

**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 Public Health.**

**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 authorizing Nikos Sofronas to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (Senate, No. 2561),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Haverhill,-- civil  
service exemption.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The Senate Bill authorizing Diana Grullon to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (Senate, No. 2562),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Id.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4977) of Linda Dean Campbell for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Felix Cruz, an employee of the Department of Youth Services,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Felix Cruz,--  
sick leave.

The House Bill making technical corrective changes to the Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund tax assessments (House, No. 4073, amended),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had concurred in the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2851) *with a further amendment* striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of House document numbered 4969.

Cape Cod and Islands  
Water Protection  
Fund.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the further House amendment was adopted, in concurrence.**

*Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill changing the availability of supplemental reserves in the town of Winchendon (see Senate, No. 2681) (which originated in the Senate), **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 (Mr. Rodrigues) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before  
Governor.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

*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

Time of meeting.

a calendar.

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Tarr), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection in memory of Brad Jones, Sr.

Moment of silence.

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*Adjournment in Memory of Bradley H. Jones, Sr.*

The Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr moved that the when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Bradley H. Jones Sr., 89, of North Reading who passed away on September 7, just three weeks before his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Brad was born on September 29, 1930 in Clinton, Massachusetts, the only son of Guy and Ruth Jones.

Mr. Jones attended Mount Hermon Prep School, and then attending the University of New Hampshire where he met his wife Jean. Brad and Jean married in December 1952 shortly before he shipped out to serve in the Korean War as a member of the United States Air Force.

Mr. Jones and his wife Jean moved to North Reading in 1959, where he became a fixture in the town through his community involvement. Brad served on the Finance Committee, Middle School Building Committee, Town Search Committees, was a North Reading youth sports coach, and helped establish the North Reading Chapter of the Citizen Scholarship Foundation (CSF) where he and Jean volunteered for nearly 40 years.

Mr. Jones spent over fifty years in the hotel and restaurant industry as a project and purchasing manager for hotels and restaurants across the country, in Central America, and the Caribbean. He worked with Sonesta, Sheraton and Howard Johnson hotels. Brad opened a hospitality consulting partnership with his long-time hotel friend, Bill Lyons.

Brad served North Reading and his country with great passion and the discipline and patriotism he learned in the Air Force never left him. He loved to talk about town politics, was an avid reader who loved the daily crossword puzzles and spent countless hours at Town Hall and at Town Meetings, always carrying the most recent town budget.

Mr. Jones is survived by his wife, Jean of 67 years, three children, Karen Billingham and her husband Marc, Mark Jones and his wife Ying, and State Representative and House Minority Leader Brad Jones and his wife Linda. He is also survived by his five grandchildren, Mark Jr., Greg, Christopher, Alexis, Nicolas, and two great-grandchildren.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Bradley H. Jones Sr., at twelve minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

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