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Thursday, October 22, 2020.

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

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), 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:

Communications from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader, announcing the following appointments:

Ms. Kate Bowditch (pursuant to Section 100 of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019) to serve as designee on the special commission relative to DCR management and assets (received October 16, 2020);

DCR,-- management and assets.

Amanda Tower (pursuant to Section 3A of Chapter 15D of the General Laws) to the Early Education and Care Advisory Council (received October 16, 2020);

Early Ed and Care Advisory Council.

Communication from MassDevelopment (pursuant to Section 71 of Chapter 141 of the Acts of 2003) submitting the April 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020 Quarterly Report for its Emerging Technology Fund (ETF) program (received October 20, 2020); and

MassDev,-- ETF quarterly report. SD3085

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 6B(b) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its quarterly report on the status of federal funds applied for, received and expended in the first quarter of fiscal year 2021 (received October 20, 2020).

Comptroller,-- federal grants report. SD3086

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2933) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to temporarily extend the issuance of seasonal alcoholic licenses in the city of Gloucester [Local approval received];

Gloucester,-- seasonal alcohol licenses.

**Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.**

By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2928) of Julian Cyr, Sarah K. Peake, Susan L. Moran, Randy Hunt and other members of the General Court (with approval of the Barnstable County Board of Regional Commissioners) for legislation to amend the charter for the regional government of Barnstable County [Local approval received];

Barnstable County,-- charter.

**Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

**Severally sent to the House for concurrence.**

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2927), a Bill relative to additional unemployment benefits for the neediest recipients currently excluded from the Lost Wages Assistance

Lost Wages Assistance program.

program (Senate, No. 2930); and

By Mr. Pacheco, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill relative to the secretary of veterans' services (Senate, No. 2810);

Secretary of  
Veterans' Services.

**Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

*Committees Discharged.*

Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents to the ban of menthol tobacco (Senate, No. 2926),-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Rules.

Public Health  
committee,-- study.

**Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.**

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cyr) "congratulating Nancy Boynton Prindle on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday"; and

Nancy Boynton  
Prindle.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka and Messrs. Moore and Velis) "supporting the assignment of the F-35A aircraft to the Massachusetts Air National Guard 104th Fighter Wing in the city of Westfield."

Air National Guard  
104th Fighter Wing.

*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 city known as the town of Greenfield to lease a certain parcel of land (House, No. 4198),-- was read a third time.

Greenfield,-- land  
lease.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Comerford moved to amend the bill in section 1, by inserting after the word "contrary", in line 1, the following words:- " , but subject to paragraphs (a), (b) and (g) of section 16 of said chapter 30B of the General Laws".

**The amendment was adopted.**

**The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.**

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on the recommitted petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2837), a Bill authorizing the city known as the town of Randolph to grant additional liquor licenses (Senate, No. 2929) [Local approval received on Senate, No. 2837];

Randolph,--  
liquor licenses.

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

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill ensuring safe patient access to emergency care (Senate, No. 2767),-- ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2931).

Emergency care,--  
access.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and**

**the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.**

**The bill (Senate, No. 2931), was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and, after remarks, passed to be engrossed.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the town of Winchester to establish a senior property tax exemption (House, No. 4476, amended,-- on House, No. 3995) [Local approval received on House, No. 3995],-- was read.

Winchester,-- senior property tax exemption.

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

A Bill authorizing the town of Plainville to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 5061,-- on House, No. 225) [Local approval received on House, No. 225],-- was read.

Plainville,-- liquor licenses.

**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 (Mr. Tarr), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Loretta R. "Laura" Caira.

Moment of silence.

*Adjournment in Memory of Loretta R. "Laura" Caira.*

The Senator Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it adjourn in memory of Mrs. Loretta R. "Laura" Caira, 95 of Wilmington. Laura the matriarch of a large Wilmington family, died on October 3, 2020, enveloped in the loving arms of her family.

Laura was born in Newton, the youngest of 12 children to Felice and Lucrezia Bianchi. She graduated from Newton High School in 1943. She met her future husband, Aldo, upon his return from military service in 1946. Even though she knew Aldo was a fan of the New Yankees, she still agreed to a first date at Fenway Park. She and Aldo married in 1947.

Laura and Aldo moved to Wilmington with their growing family in 1958. Laura became an important contributor to the community. She was an active member of the charitable, cultural and social programs of the Order of the Sons of Italy in America. She was a member of the organization for 67 years and was instrumental in her husband's success as Aldo rose through the ranks of the Order. Laura was at ease whether helping out at a local lodge supper or attending a White House State Dinner, as she did with her husband when President and Mrs. Reagan honored the Prime Minister of Italy.

Laura founded the Wilmington Sons of Italy lodge in 1967. She spearheaded countless projects and programs which have helped raise and distribute nearly \$2 million

for community, scholarship, and charitable endeavors. In 2004, Laura was presented with the Golden Lion Award by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the most prestigious award given to a member.

Laura was a welcoming presence in the Wilmington community. She served nearly 50 years as an election official, greeting voters at the Wildwood school. She volunteered at the Wilmington schools into her 80's, was an active member of the Wilmington Senior Center, and a faithful parishioner of St. Thomas of Villanova Church. This past July, the community celebrated her 95th birthday with a 60-vehicle caravan led by the Police and Fire Departments. She was recognized by the Governor, both branches of the Massachusetts Legislature, and the Wilmington Board of Selectmen.

Laura's greatest pleasure was in the company of her family. She was actively involved in the activities of her five children, delighted in the births of her twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, rarely missing an opportunity to attend their games, recitals, concerts, plays, award and graduation ceremonies, and cooking homemade meals and feeding her family and their friends.

Laura was predeceased by her husband Aldo. She is survived by her devoted children, Michele Caira Nortonen, Michael and Jane Caira, Aldo Jr. and Sharon Caira, Kevin and Cheryl Caira, all of Wilmington, and Kenneth and Marianne Caira of Pelham, New Hampshire. Adored grandmother of Jennifer and Christian Bolanos, Angela Caira, Michael Jr., and Kristen Caira, Brian and Amanda Caira, Sara-Jean and James Phillips, Brianne Caira, Jeffrey Caira, Joseph and Katherine Caira, Aldo Caira III and Gabrielle D'Entremont, Mark Caira, Amy Caira and David Caira. Special GiGi to Christian Jr., Allison and Samantha Bolanos, Caroline and Anna Caira, Jude Phillips and Lucy Caira. Laura was especially excited to welcome her 8th great-grandchild, Jacoby, at the end of this month. She is also survived by her dear sister-in-law Rita Coppola of Newton, her goddaughter Patricia Walsh of West Roxbury, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Loretta R. "Laura" Caira, at twenty-nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Timilty, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.