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Wednesday, December 30, 2020.

Met at nineteen minutes past one o'clock P.M. (Mr. Boncore 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. Boncore), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (pursuant to Section 12A of Chapter 6C of the General Laws) submitting its Progress Report of the Performance and Asset Management Advisory Council (received December 30, 2020),-- was placed on file.

MassDOT,-- asset management report. SD3149

Reports.

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

Report of the Senate Committee on Post Audit and Oversight (pursuant to Section 63 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting an addendum to a previously filed report concerning a visit to the Bristol County House of Corrections by a member of the Massachusetts State Senate on May 2, 2020 (Senate, No. 2994) (received December 23, 2020);

Post Audit and Oversight,-- Bristol County House of Corrections.

Report from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) submitting its first annual Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (SAECK) summary report (received December 29, 2020);

EOPSS,-- SAECK report. SD3143

Report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (pursuant to Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the April 2020 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund report (received May 5, 2020);

DUA,-- report. SD3146

Report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (pursuant to Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the July 2020 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund report (received August 4, 2020); and

DUA,-- report. SD3147

Report of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (pursuant to Section 8 of Chapter 161B of the General Law and as amended by Section 46 of the Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) submitting its Fourth Quarter Addendum to the Annual Report on Regional Transit Authorities (received December 30, 2020).

MassDOT,--RRTA 4th quarter addendum report. SD3148

Petition.

Mr. Finegold presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2993) of Barry R. Finegold, Marc Laplante, Maria De La Cruz, Estela Reyes and others (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the Office of the Mayor in the city of Lawrence [Local approval received];

Lawrence,-- mayor.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first two of which originated in the Senate), 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. Boncore) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Bills laid before the Governor.

Providing for a gender-neutral charter in the town of Walpole (see Senate, No. 2807);

Relative to the temporary extension of seasonal alcoholic beverages licenses in the city of Gloucester (see Senate, No. 2977);

Authorizing the city of Salem scholarship and education committee to provide scholarships from funds set aside for educational purposes (see House, No. 4041);

Changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Ashfield to select board (see House, No. 4948); and

Authorizing the town of Ware to exempt Christopher Scott Romani from the maximum age requirement for applying for civil service appointment as a police officer (see House, No. 5170).

Reconsideration.

Mr. Timilty presented a motion that the Senate reconsider the vote by which, at a previous session, it had passed to be engrossed the Senate Bill establishing speed limits on portions of state highway route 28 and Chickatawbut road in the town of Milton (Senate, No. 2488); and, there being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Milton,-- speed limits.

Pending the recurring question on passing the bill be engrossed, the same Senator presented an amendment striking out section 3; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:-

“Whereas, the deferred operation of this act would defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a speed limit of 25 miles per hour for the intersection of state highway route 28 and Chickatawbut road, therefore it is hereby declared an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety.”.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2488, amended) was then again passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill providing for the abandonment of a certain sewer line easement in West Roxbury (House, No. 4649),-- ought to pass.

West Roxbury,-- sewer lines.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: “An Act providing for the abandonment of a certain sewer line easement in the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston”.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill authorizing certain investments by the Treasurer of the town of Milton (Senate, No. 2986).

Milton,-- investments.

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.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

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

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kara Turco, an employee of the Middlesex sheriff's office (Senate, No. 2966) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Kara Turco,--
sick leave.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kathryn Price, an employee of the department of mental health (Senate, No. 2987),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Kathryn Price,--
sick leave.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill providing for alternate members of the conservation commission of the town of Clinton (House, No. 4167),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Clinton,--
conservation
commission.

The House Bill expanding the exemption for residential property in the town of Truro (House, No. 4209),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Truro,-- property
exemptions.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Cambridge to allow for a personal property tax exemption of \$20,000 or less (House, No. 4773),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Cambridge,--
property tax.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Egremont to utilize a portion of French Park to construct a broadband headend (House, No. 4963) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bill sin the Third Reading),-- was read a third time .

Egremont,--
French Park.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Hinds presented an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2992.

The amendment was adopted.

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

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

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The House Bill establishing the George Washington memorial highway (House, No. 2974, amended) came from the House with endorsement that the House had NON-concurred in the Senate amendment striking the text in its entirety and inserting in place thereof, the following words:-

Agawam,-- George
Washington
memorial highway.

“The section of state highway route 159 in the city known as the town of Agawam from its most southerly border with the state of Connecticut running northbound to its intersection with state highway route 75 and state highway route 147 shall be designated and known as the George Washington Memorial Highway. The highway division of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain suitable markers bearing that designation in compliance with the standards of the department.”

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and, on further motion of the same Senator, the Senate receded from its amendment.

A Bill relative to retirement benefits for Richard Drury (House, No. 4779,-- on petition),-- was read.

Richard Drury,--
retirement.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: “An Act authorizing Richard Drury to purchase creditable service from the Franklin regional retirement board”.

A Bill allowing Giggles and Grins LLC to connect into the Leominster water system (House, No. 4985, amended,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Leominster,-- water
system.

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.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Boncore), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Sandra Scaccia.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at twelve o'clock noon in a full formal session without a calendar.

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Sandra Scaccia.

The Senator from Norfolk and Suffolk, Mr. Rush moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Sandra Scaccia.

Sandra Scaccia, the wife of Representative Angelo Scaccia, passed away on Christmas Day. She was the loving mother of Michael, Andrea, and Aimee Michael, Andrea's husband, Kevin, and cherished grandmother of Kayla, Ronan, Ava, Ella, Conal, Noah, and Lila.

The 77 year old Hyde Park resident was a nurse for many years, caring for some of society's most vulnerable, in maternity and geriatrics, her mission was always to treat others as she wished to be treated, with love and compassion, and she stayed faithful to that purpose to the very end.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Sandra Scaccia, at twenty-four minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at twelve o'clock noon.
