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Met at twenty-six minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Timilty in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Report.

Report of the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 12(c) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 (received March 26, 2021),-- was placed on file.

CTR,-- FY20 CAFR. SD2555

Petition.

Ms. DiZoglio presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Diana DiZoglio for legislation relative to extending third-party delivery cost containment for restaurants;

Restaurants,-- delivery cost. SD2556

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

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointments by the Speaker:

Representatives Garlick of Needham, Cassidy of Brockton and Khan of Newton had been appointed as his designees (under Section 74 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, inserted by Section 1 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the permanent commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities;

Status of Persons with Disabilities Commission.

Representatives Williams of Springfield, Nguyen of Andover and Decker of Cambridge had been appointed as his designees to the special legislative commission on Structural Racism in the Massachusetts Probation Service established (under Section 112 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to conduct a thorough review of the probation process to determine if there are disparities in the treatment of persons of color in the probation system and if structural racism is a cause of those disparities;

Structural Racism in the Massachusetts Probation Service Commission.

Representatives Devers of Lawrence, Vargas of Haverhill and Ramos of Springfield had been appointed as his designees (under Section 73 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, inserted by Section 1 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the permanent commission on the Status of Latinos and Latinas;

Status of Latinos and Latinas Commission.

Representatives Elugardo of Boston, Howard of Lowell, Ramos of Springfield and Barber of Somerville had been appointed as his designees (under Section 110 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the special legislative commission on Structural Racism in Correctional Facilities of the Commonwealth;

Structural Racism in Correctional Facilities Commission.

Representatives Miranda of Boston and Holmes of Boston, and former Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court Roderick Ireland had been appointed as his designees (under Section 72 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, inserted by Section 1 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the permanent commission on the Status of African Americans;

Status of African Americans Commission.

Representatives Straus of Mattapoisett and Peake of Provincetown had been

Qualified Immunity

appointed as his designees to the special legislative commission established (under section 116 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to investigate and study the impact to the administration of justice of the Qualified Immunity Doctrine in the Commonwealth; and

Doctrine in the Commonwealth Commission.

Representatives Tyler of Boston and Fluker Oakley of Boston, Keith Motley (for a term of 3 years), Danroy Henry (for a term of two years) and Pamerson Ifil (for a term of one year) had been appointed as his designees (under Section 75 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, inserted by Section 1 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020, and also by Section 114 of the Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the permanent commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys.

Social Status of Black Men and Boys Commission.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Crighton) “commending the New England Donor Services, Inc., for its recognition of April 2021 as Donate Life Month”; and

New England Donor Services, Inc.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Esther Hoard Perry on her one hundredth birthday.”

Esther Hoard Perry.

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 Anne M. Gobi for legislation relative to the appointment of guardians ad litem in the housing court.

Housing court,-- guardians. SD2552

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

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 Diana DiZoglio for legislation relative to public employee income protection.

State employee,-- wages. SD2526

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

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Moment of Silence.

The Chair (Mr. Timilty), members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of James Leo Trayers, Jr.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O’Connor,--

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 a calendar.

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of James Leo Trayers, Jr.

The Senator from Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth, Mr. Timilty, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of James Leo Trayers, Jr.

James Leo Trayers, Jr., of Milton, formerly of Dorchester, South Boston and Hyde Park passed away peacefully on February 3, 2021 after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was 75 years old.

Jimmy, as he was known, was the former owner and director of Scally and Trayers Funeral Home in Dorchester for 40 years. For 6 decades Jimmy devoted his life to the funeral business and took exceptional care of thousands of families in their time of need. Jimmy would often say of his career that “it wasn’t a job, but it was his life, his passion.”

Jimmy was born in South Boston and spent his formative years in Hyde Park where the Trayers Family continued to grow. After graduating from Catholic Memorial High School in 1963, Jimmy went onto the New England Institute for Mortuary Services where he graduated with distinction in 1967.

Alongside his uncle, John Connolly, and his father, Leo Trayers, Jimmy directed funerals from the J. J. Connolly and Son Funeral Home on Washington Street in Boston’s South End neighborhood until 1978 when he purchased Scally Funeral Home on Pleasant Street in Dorchester.

Jimmy was a past member of the Board of the Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association; member of The Neighborhood Club of Quincy; past member of the Milton-Hoosic Club, Puritan Canoe Club of South Boston, Falmouth Men’s Club, and The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, where he achieved the rank of Sergeant.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of James Leo Trayers, Jr., at twenty-four minutes before twelve o’clock noon, on motion of Mr. O’Connor, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M.