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Met at four 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.

Communication.

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 fourth quarter of fiscal year 2021 (received July 12, 2021),-- was placed on file.

CTR,-- federal grants report. SD2694

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Cronin, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Fall River Housing Authority to convey a certain parcel of land to Southcoast Hospital Group, Inc (Senate, No. 1358);

Fall River,-- land.

Read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Clinton to continue the employment of police chief Mark R. Laverdure (House, No. 2704,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Clinton,-- police chief.

Allowing the town of Wakefield to employ retired police officers as special police officers (House, No. 2714,-- on petition) [Local approval received].

Wakefield,-- police officers.

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Recess.

There being no objection, at five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Timilty) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair, and, at a quarter past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate reassembled Mr. Timilty in the Chair.

Recess.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Crighton) "congratulating Jared Alphen on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Jared Alphen.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Crighton) "congratulating Jacob Macpherson on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Jacob Macpherson.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Crighton) "congratulating Michael Madden on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Michael Madden.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Crighton) "congratulating Daniel Miller on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Daniel Miller.

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Resolutions (filed by Mr. Crighton) “congratulating Cole Trainor on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Cole Trainor.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Crighton) “congratulating Paul Wehle on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”; and

Paul Wehle.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Gobi) “commending the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Atomic Veterans for its recognition of July 16, 2021 as Atomic Veterans Day.”

Massachusetts
Chapter of the
National Association
of Atomic Veterans.

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 Senate Bill authorizing certain investments by the Treasurer of the town of Milton (Senate, No. 1364),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

Milton,--
investments.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to the Ware selectboard (House, No. 2205,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Ware,--
select board.

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 the select board of the town of Clinton (House, No. 2183,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Clinton,--
select board.

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.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3946) of Danillo A. Sena relative to enhancing diversity in the awarding of liquor licenses;

Liquor licenses.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3945) of Mike Connolly (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Cambridge be authorized to provide police, fire, emergency and other municipal services to certain properties in the city of Boston and the city of Somerville;

Cambridge,--
emergency services.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3944) of Christopher M. Markey and Antonio F. D. Cabral (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to authorizing the city of New Bedford to convey certain land acquired for open space and playground purposes;

New Bedford,-- land.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 7B, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3943) of Angelo L. D'Emilia that the Bristol County Retirement Board be authorized to grant creditable service to Christopher J. Gallagher;

Christopher J.
Gallagher,--
creditable service.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 7A, to the committee on Public Service.

Moment of Silence.

The Chair (Mr. Timilty), members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Alfredo and Aldina Pedro.

Moment of silence.

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 a calendar.

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Alfredo and Aldina Pedro.

The Senator from Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth Mr. Timilty moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Alfredo J. Pedro and his wife Aldina (Camara) Pedro.

Alfredo J. Pedro and his wife Aldina (Camara) Pedro died on Monday June 28, 2021 as a result of injuries suffered during a tragic motorcycle accident. They were married for 23 years.

Al was 51 years old and a lifelong resident of Stoughton. Son of Maria (Mendonca) Pedro of Stoughton and the late Jose Pedro, he was born in Stoughton and graduated from Stoughton High School, Class of 1989. Al worked for the Stoughton Department of Public Works for the past 32 years, mainly assigned to driving the recycling truck. He also worked for MC Cleaning in Taunton for the past 7 years. Al was a member of both the Holy Ghost Society of the Azores and Holy Ghost Society of Club Luis de Camoes in Stoughton. He enjoyed fishing, riding his Harley Davidson and eating seafood but his greatest joy was spending time with his family.

Aldina was 52 years old and a longtime resident of Stoughton. Daughter of Maria Estrela (Sousa) Camara of São Miguel, Azores, Portugal and the late Dinis Camara, she was born and raised in São Miguel before moving to Stoughton in 1997. Aldina worked for DXL in Canton for the past 17 years. She also worked for MC Cleaning in Taunton for the past 7 years. Aldina was a member of both the Sociedade Filarmónica De São João of Stoughton and the Holy Ghost Society of the Azores. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, dancing, and watching the Lifetime channel. She was always the life of the party and her greatest joy was taking care of her children and grandchildren.

Together, they are survived by their children: William M. Pedro and his longtime companion Katrina Barney, Melissa M. Pedro and her longtime boyfriend Matthew Irving, and Daniel J. Pedro all of Stoughton, as well as their grandchildren, Aubrey Pedro, Ellianna Irving, Nathan Irving, and Olivia Irving.

Al was the brother of Maria M. Vasconcelos and her husband João, Isilda M. Pimentel and her husband Jose, Flora P. Semiao and Adelina M. Pedro, all of Stoughton, and Isabel P. Carvalho and her husband Jay of Fall River. He is also survived by his family at the Stoughton Department of Public Works.

Aldina was the sister of Teresa of Stoughton and Sara, Delfina, Lidia, Anabela, Dinis, Octavio, Catarina and Rita all of São Miguel, Azores.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Alfredo J. Pedro and his wife Aldina (Camara) Pedro, at twenty-five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M