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Met at twelve minutes past twelve o'clock noon (Ms. Friedman 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 (Ms. Friedman), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from His Excellency the Governor, Charles D. Baker, relative to the appointment of Tanisha Sullivan (under Section 72(a) of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the permanent commission on the Status of African Americans (received July 19, 2021),-- was placed on file.

Commission on the Status of African Americans.

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2497) of Bruce E. Tarr, Diana DiZoglio, Christina A. Minicucci and Tram T. Nguyen (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the town charter of the town of North Andover [Local approval received];

North Andover,-- town charter.

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

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2498) of Bruce E. Tarr, Diana DiZoglio, Christina A. Minicucci and Tram T. Nguyen (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt Marcel Cuffy and John R. Baker from the maximum age requirements for firefighters in the town of North Andover [Local approval received];

North Andover,-- firefighters.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John F. Keenan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Li Zhang, an employee of the Department of Unemployment Assistance,-- **under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Li Zhang,-- sick leave. SD2706

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Lesser, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on Senate, Nos. 254, 257, 263, 264, 269, 278 and 281, a Bill to establish sports wagering in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 269);

Sports wagering.

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Election Laws, on petition, a Bill fostering voter opportunities, trust, equity and security (Senate, No. 459) [Senator Fattman and Representatives Dooley of Norfolk and Lombardo of Billerica dissenting];

Voter opportunities.

By Mr. Pacheco, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements to the town of Hubbardston for the reconstruction of the

Hubbardston,-- easements.

Evergreen Road bridge over Mason Brook (Senate, No. 2064);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the transfer of a parcel of land in the city of Taunton (Senate, No. 2101);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to a transfer of a certain parcel of land in Hyde Park (Senate, No. 2115); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the release of certain land in the town of Raynham from the operation of an agricultural preservation restriction (Senate, No. 2456) [Local approval received];

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

Taunton,-- land transfer.

Hyde Park,-- land transfer.

Raynham,-- land restriction release.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to providing for the terms of certain bonds for transportation improvements to be issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 3972),-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.**

Bond and notes,-- terms.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Maynard to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be consumed off the premises (House, No. 387,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Maynard,-- liquor license.

Relative to the retirement of police officer Sean Murphy (House, No. 3764, amended,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Sean Murphy,-- retirement.

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

A Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Needham the private first class David "Damon" Borrelli memorial bridge (House, No. 3469,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

Needham,-- David "Damon" Borrelli memorial bridge.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill further regulating certain alcoholic beverage licenses in the town of Westford (see House, No. 303) (which originated in the House), **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 (Ms. Friedman) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3982) of Daniel R. Carey and Jack Patrick Lewis for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to access to the archaeological, geological and fossil resources in the Commonwealth;

Fossil resources,-- special commission.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3981) of Daniel R. Carey (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to amend the charter of the city of Easthampton;

Easthampton,-- charter.

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

Committee of Conference Report.

Supplemental appropriations.

A report of the committee of conference of the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendments to the House Bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2021 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 3871) (*amended by the Senate* by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2485),-- reported, a "Bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2021 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects" (House, No. 3973),-- came from the House, and was read.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, and the report was considered forthwith.

After remarks, the question on acceptance of the report of the committee of conference was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at twenty-three minutes past twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Rodrigues as follows, to wit (yeas 40 – nays 0) **[Yeas and Nays No. 56]:**

YEAS.

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| Barrett, Michael J. | Gomez, Adam |
| Boncore, Joseph A. | Hinds, Adam G. |
| Brady, Michael D. | Jehlen, Patricia D. |
| Brownsberger, William N. | Keenan, John F. |
| Chandler, Harriette L. | Kennedy, Edward J. |
| Chang-Diaz, Sonia | Lesser, Eric P. |
| Collins, Nick | Lewis, Jason M. |
| Comerford, Joanne M. | Lovely, Joan B. |
| Creem, Cynthia Stone | Montigny, Mark C. |
| Crighton, Brendan P. | Moore, Michael O. |
| Cronin, John J. | Moran, Susan L. |
| Cyr, Julian | O'Connor, Patrick M. |
| DiDomenico, Sal N. | Pacheco, Marc R. |
| DiZoglio, Diana | Rausch, Rebecca L. |
| Eldridge, James B. | Rodrigues, Michael J. |
| Fattman, Ryan C. | Rush, Michael F. |
| Feeney, Paul R. | Spilka, Karen E. |
| Finegold, Barry R. | Tarr, Bruce E. |
| Friedman, Cindy F. | Timilty, Walter F. |
| Gobi, Anne M. | Velis, John C. – 40. |

NAYS – 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at fourteen minutes before one o'clock P.M., the report was accepted, in concurrence.

Moment of Silence.

The Chair (Ms. Friedman), members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Betty Taymor.

Moment of silence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preamble Adopted; Engrossed Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2021 to provide for

Supplemental

appropriations.

supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 3973), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Ms. Friedman) and sent to the House for enactment.

Subsequently, the bill, which originated in the House, came from the House with the endorsement that it had been enacted in that branch.

The Senate then passed the bill to be enacted; and it was signed by the Acting President (Ms. Friedman) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at twelve o'clock noon, and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Betty Taymor.

The Senator from Middlesex and Norfolk, Ms. Creem, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Betty Taymor of Newton, Cambridge and Dedham who passed away at age 100 on June 1, 2021.

Born in 1921 to William and Tillie Blum Bernstein, Betty grew up in Baltimore and graduated from Goucher College. She became interested in politics because of her Uncle Leon Sachs, an instructor who taught political science at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. In 1942, she married Dr. Melvin L. Taymor, a professor from Harvard Medical School who spearheaded in vitro fertilization in New England.

Betty became active in local and state politics in the 1950's, and 1960's, working on numerous campaigns including John F. Kennedy's Senate and Presidential campaigns in 1952, 1958 and 1960, Ted Kennedy's Senate campaign in 1962 and Congressman Robert F. Drinan's campaign. She was an eight-time delegate to the Democratic National Convention and became Vice Chair of the Democratic State Committee. She was involved with the progressive Americans for Democratic Action organization, which launched toward the end of the 1940's and was an essential part of the creation of the modern progressive Democratic Party and was a prominent activist in the party.

Betty's two campaigns for State Representative in the 1960's, while living in Newton and raising her family, led her to realize there was a need to create a network for women active in politics. This vision led her to establish the Program for Women in Politics and Government, now called the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, at Simmons College in 1968. The Center moved to Boston College in 1971, and Betty served as Director for approximately 20 years. In 1992, she guided the Program's transition to the McCormack Institute at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Betty had an extraordinary impact on Democratic politics in Massachusetts and paved the way for future generations of women. She was a role model for so many women. In 2000 she published a Memoir, "Running Against the Wind: The Struggle for Women in Massachusetts Politics." It reflects on her extraordinary career and the reasons why women have struggled to secure elective office in an arena controlled by male leadership.

Although political activism was very important to Betty, she loved being with family,

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hosting holiday events and enjoying life.

Betty is survived by her daughters Laurie Taymor-Berr, Julie Taymor and son Dr. Michael Taymor of Palo Alto, California; four grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Betty was a trailblazer and a visionary. She will be missed by the communities of Newton, Cambridge and Dedham and by all those who knew her and all those now just learning about her impressive history.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Betty Taymor, at thirteen minutes past one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at twelve o'clock noon.