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Thursday, December 9, 2021.

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

The Chair (Mr. Crighton), 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:

Communication from His Excellency the Governor, Charles D. Baker, announcing the appointment of Chief Steven M. Sargent (under Section 104 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the Law Enforcement Body Camera Task Force (received December 9, 2021); and

Law Enforcement
Body Camera Task
Force.

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the Western MA Women's Correctional Center inspection on November 15, 2021 (received December 8, 2021).

DPH,-- plan of
correction.
SD2870

Report.

Report of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2021 annual report (received December 6, 2021),-- **was placed on file.**

PVTA,-- annual
report.
SD2866

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2593) of Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Tewksbury to change the name of its Board of Selectmen to Select Board [Local approval received];

Tewksbury,-- select
board.

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Ben Tobin, a petition (accompanied by bill) of Ben Tobin for legislation relative to educator ethics standards;

Educator ethics.
SD2867

By Ben Tobin, a petition (accompanied by bill) of Ben Tobin for legislation relative to safety and teacher preparedness in approved private special education schools; and

Private schools,--
safety. SD2868

By Ben Tobin, a petition (accompanied by bill) of Ben Tobin for legislation relative to transparency and accountability for out of district special education placements;

Special education,--
placements. SD2869

Severally, under Senate Rule 18, were placed on file.

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Pacheco, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill relative to facilitating access to public records (Senate, No. 2009); and

Public records,--
access.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to

Persons with
disabilities,--

employment of persons with disabilities on state contracts (Senate, No. 2021);

employment

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

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to bidding requirements for a certain affordable housing project in the town of Brookline (House, No. 4083,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Brookline,--
affordable housing.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rush) “congratulating the town of Norwood on the occasion of its one hundred fiftieth anniversary.”

Town of Norwood.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

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

The Senate Bill validating the actions taken at the annual town meeting and a certain special town meeting in the town of Rowley (printed in Senate, No. 2550) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Rowley,-- town
meeting.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Dracut to pay a certain bill to WhiteWater, Inc. (House, No. 3726),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Dracut,-- bill
payment.

The House Bill providing for the recall of elected officers in the town of Wenham (House, No. 3746) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Wenham,-- elected
officers.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Crighton), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Robert L. Turner.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Time of meeting.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Crighton), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Francis X. McCauley.

Moment of silence.

Adjournment in Memory of Robert L. Turner

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it adjourn in memory of Robert L. Turner.

Robert L. Turner passed away on July 27th at age 78, nine months after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his beloved wife of 46 years, Otile McManus; daughters Julia and Maggie Turner; and four grandchildren: Abraham, Owen and Ida Wasserstein and Otto Adem.

Robert was the devoted brother of Louisa Turner of New York City; father-in-law of Ben Wasserstein of Santa Monica, California and Jamal Adem of New York City; brother-in-law of Julie O'Rourke of Westhampton, New York; and, uncle of Aidan, Nell and Desmond O'Rourke.

He leaves a wide and loving circle of extended family, dear friends and former colleagues at The Boston Globe and the John W. McCormack Graduate School at UMass Boston.

Adjournment in Memory of Francis X. McCauley.

The Senator from Norfolk and Plymouth, Mr. Keenan, presented a request that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Francis X. McCauley.

Former Quincy Mayor Francis X. McCauley died Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at age 91 and on the 40th anniversary of his election as mayor.

Born December 27, 1929 at Quincy City Hospital, Mayor McCauley grew up in the Houghs Neck neighborhood of Quincy, the only child of Hugh and Mary (McKeown) McCauley. He attended the Quincy Public Schools before graduating from Boston College High School in the Class of 1948. Following graduation, he spent a year on active duty in the U.S. Navy before attending Boston College, paying his tuition by working as a commercial clam digger. He later graduated from Bentley College and earned a diploma from the Indiana University Graduate School of Banking. He started a career in banking as a teller with the Shipbuilders Cooperative Bank, shortly thereafter he was appointed Treasurer, and in 1968 became the bank's president.

Mayor McCauley first ran for political office in 1959, seeking a seat as councilor-at-large. He finished last in a field of six candidates. "When I announced my candidacy, I was a political unknown," he liked to quip, "and by the end of election night, I was still a political unknown!" Four years later, in 1963, he was elected Ward One councilor, a seat he held for two terms. He subsequently served on the School Committee and then was elected again to the City Council, serving two terms as councilor-at-large. In 1981, he was elected mayor, winning in a landslide by nearly 6,000 votes, and entered the mayor's office in January 1982 when the city was facing a severe fiscal challenge. In short order, Mayor McCauley brought the city's finances under control. His efforts led to his selection by the U.S. Conference of Mayors to receive its Financial Leadership Award.

Mayor McCauley's eight years as mayor were marked not only by his wise financial stewardship, but also by a reorganization of the Quincy Public Schools, the construction of a new police station and an animal shelter, a boom in private development, and the renovation and construction of an addition to Quincy City Hospital. As mayor, he also filed the lawsuit that led to the creation of the MWRA and the cleanup of Quincy Bay and Boston Harbor.

Deciding not to run for a fifth term as mayor, he went on to serve six years as

executive director of the State Retirement Board. In 1996, he was elected again to the Quincy School Committee and the following year was elected again as a councilor-at-large, serving until January 2006, the last two years as council president.

Overall, Mayor McCauley served 32 years in elective office, the only person in city history to be elected to all four elective offices: ward councilor, school committee member, councilor-at-large and mayor. After his retirement from public service, for many years he was a contributing writer to The Quincy Sun, wrote a book on Quincy's political history, and authored his autobiography, titled Frank: From Bootlegger to Banker and Beyond.

A member of the Elks Lodge and the McKeon Amvets Post, Mayor McCauley was a longtime member and past president of the Quincy Lions Club. In 2010, he became the club's first 50-year member and was honored with the creation of the Frank McCauley Community Service Award, presented each year to a local "unsung hero" who aids the community. He received numerous other community awards during and after his long political career.

Despite the demands and successes of public office, Frank was faithfully committed to and most proud of his family. Married to Sandra MacKinnon in 1954, they raised five children in their beloved Houghs Neck. They were always together, seldom seen publicly one without the other. Both Frank and Sandra caught COVID-19, with Sandra succumbing to it in April 2020. After Sandra's death, Frank moved to Florida to live with his daughter, and survived a second bout with COVID and other health challenges.

Mayor McCauley is survived by his son Michael and wife Elise of Quincy, son Robert and wife Sharon of Natick, daughter Melissa Higgins and husband Steven of Holbrook, daughter Julie Tympanick and husband John of Plymouth, and daughter Jennifer Logue and husband David of Ponte Vedra, Florida. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren and a great-grandson.

The Massachusetts State Senate today remembers Francis X. McCauley, a proud native of Houghs Neck, an accomplished businessman, one of Quincy's longest serving elected officials, a loving husband and father, and a man of integrity and honor.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Robert L. Turner and Francis X. McCauley, at twenty-five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Fattman, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.