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Thursday, September 15, 2022.

Met at a quarter past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger 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. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Sections 5, 20 and 21 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspection of NCCI Gardner (received September 14, 2022); and

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD3310

Report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (pursuant to Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the September 2022 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund report (received September 15, 2022).

DUA,-- UI trust fund report. SD3311

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5282) of Steven S. Howitt and Paul R. Feeney (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide for the appointment of a stormwater officer in the town of Rehoboth;

Rehoboth,-- stormwater officer.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5283) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that Lauren Bonnell be authorized to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Haverhill,-- police officer.

To the committee on Public Service.

A Bill authorizing the Berkshire county retirement system to retire Chad Shimmon, a uniformed member of the town of Great Barrington police department (House, No. 4621,-- on House, No. 4280),-- was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

Chad Shimmon,-- retirement.

Bills

Relative to the Ware Fire Department (House, No. 2774,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Ware,-- fire department.

Authorizing the town of Dedham to continue the employment of William Spillane as chief of the fire department (House, No. 4998,-- on House, No. 4842) [Local approval received on House, No. 4842];

Dedham,-- fire chief.

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

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Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

The following matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The House Bill authorizing the city of Watertown to acquire property in the city of Waltham (House, No. 5100),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Watertown/Waltham,
-- property.

The House Bill authorizing the Devens Enterprise Commission to grant a license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5017),- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Devens Enterprise
Commission,--
alcohol license.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Comerford, Ms. Gobi and Messrs. Gomez, Hinds, Lesser and Velis) “commending the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, Inc. on its fortieth anniversary”;

Food Bank of
Western MA.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fattman) “congratulating the Mapfre U.S.A. Corp. on its fiftieth anniversary”;

Mapfre U.S.A. Corp.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) “congratulating Seniorcare, Inc. on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary”;

Seniorcare, Inc.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Timilty) “congratulating Saint Agatha Parish in the town of Milton on the one hundredth anniversary of its establishment”; and

Saint Agatha Parish.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Timilty and Brady) “congratulating Steven P. Rose on his retirement from the Avon Board of Selectmen.”

Steven P. Rose.

Report 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 Nick Collins for legislation to preserve main street by enhancing remote retailer sales tax compliance.

Remote retail,-- sales
tax.
SD2498

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. DiZoglio, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Revenue.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5290) of Richard M. Haggerty for legislation to exempt the Executive Director of the Municipal Police Training Committee from earnings limitations,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Municipal Police
Training Committee,-
- director.

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the House), 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. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Relative to property tax exemptions for affordable accessory dwelling unit rental properties in the city of Salem restricted as affordable housing (see House, No. 4300); and

Bills laid before the
Governor.

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Authorizing the city of Watertown to acquire property in the city of Waltham (see House, No. 5100).

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Mrs. Eleanor “Ellie” Levin.

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.

Adjournment in Memory of Eleanor “Ellie” Levin.

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, presented a request that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Mrs. Eleanor “Ellie” Levin.

Mrs. Eleanor “Ellie” Levin of South Boston, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family and watching the Red Sox on September 9th at the age of 77. Beloved wife of Joseph Levin, Sr. Devoted mother of Joseph Levin, Jr. of Hyde Park, Charles Levin and his wife, Katherine of South Boston, and dog, Sammy. Cherished Nana of Joseph, Leighton, Abigail & Joshua. Predeceased by her wonderful parents, Edward & Barbara Coyle and her birth mother, Catherine Galvin. Sister of the late Arthur and Robert Galvin, Barbara and Edward Coyle. Sister-in-law of Catherine Levin, Barbara Welch, and the late Patricia Pothier, Richard and Frank Levin. Aunt of Judith, John, and Barbara Galvin, Christina, Daniel, Robert, and Jonathan Levin, Theresa Walton, Brian and Greg Pothier, and the late Catherine Galvin. She is survived by her loving cousins Eleanor Finn, Janet Hogan and many more.

Ellie was a proud graduate of St. Augustine School in South Boston, Secretarial School, and former employee at Gillette. An incredibly warm and devoted housewife and mother, she was a "hockey mom" who dedicated her time to ice rinks across New England for decades, or at youth sports fields in South Boston. She was known for her deep faith, love of her pets, passion for Boston sports, as well as her generosity - often opening her home to welcome friends and neighborhood children to enjoy a nice meal. Ellie will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Mrs. Eleanor “Ellie” Levin, at eighteen minutes before twelve o’clock noon, on motion of Mr. Fattman, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M.