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Thursday, October 13, 2022.

Met at one minute 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.

Communication.

Communication from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (pursuant to item 1599-2026 of Section 2A of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its behavioral health and primary care loan repayment assistance program report (received October 7, 2022),-- was placed on file.

EOHHS,-- loan repayment report. SD3341

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 inspections of Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction and Plymouth County Correctional Facility (received October 11, 2022);

DPH,-- facility inspections. SD3342

Report of the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its financial statements and supplementary information for the year ended June 30, 2022 (received October 6, 2022);

BRTA,-- auditors' report. SD3343

Report of the Franklin Regional Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its financial statements and supplementary information for the year ended June 30, 2022 (received October 6, 2022); and

FRTA,-- auditors' report. SD3344

Report of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (pursuant to Section 5(d) of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its Holyoke Soldiers' Home preliminary report on diversity, equity and inclusion (received October 12, 2022).

DCAMM,-- HSH preliminary report. SD3345

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Revenue, on petition, a Bill authorizing the increase of a tax exemption for eligible seniors in the town of Tewksbury (Senate, No. 3114) [Local approval received]; and

Tewksbury,-- tax exemption.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the increase of a tax exemption for eligible veterans in the town of Tewksbury (Senate, No. 3115) [Local approval received];

Id.

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

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill to amend the charter of the city of Holyoke (House, No. 4965,-- on House, No. 4847) [Local approval received on House, No. 4847],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Holyoke,-- charter.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Finegold) “commending Dracut Access Television, Inc. for its recognition of October 20, 2022 as community media day within the Town of Dracut, Massachusetts.”

Dracut Access
Television, Inc.

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 Julian Cyr and Timothy R. Whelan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Nicole Sumner, an employee of the Department of Youth Services.

Nicole Sumner,--
sick leave.
SD3337

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Feeney, 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.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

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 House Bill eliminating the requirement for the geriatric authority to make payment to the town of Milford in lieu of taxes (House, No. 3023),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Milford,-- taxes.

The House Bill changing the board of selectmen of the town of Milford to a select board (House, No. 4556),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Milford,-- board of
selectmen.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Clinton to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4669),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Clinton,-- liquor
license.

The House Bill authorizing the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land to the city of Fitchburg (House, No. 4902) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time.

Fitchburg,-- land
conveyance.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Cronin presented an amendment in section 1 by inserting after the first sentence, the following sentence:- “The conveyance shall include a historic covenant on the deed.”

The amendment was adopted (as corrected BTR).

The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

The House Bill authorizing the leasing of a certain parcel of land in the city of Gardner (House, No. 4980) (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.**

Gardner,-- land lease.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5354) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford that the Montague Center Fire District be authorized to continue the employment of fire department members Gary Dion, David Hansen, Mark Fisk, Ann Fisk and Chris Rice,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Montague Center Fire District,-- employment.

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 Robert S. Salvo, Sr.

Moment of silence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first two of which originated in the Senate), 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:

Bills laid before the Governor.

Further regulating public safety in the city of Somerville (see Senate, No. 1596);

Authorizing the town of Bernardston to continue the employment of fire department member Lloyd Grover (see Senate, No. 3111);

Authorizing the town of Mendon to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (see House, No. 3901);

Changing the number of members of the insurance advisory committee for the town of Milford (see House, No. 4275);

Authorizing the city of Salem to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4665); and

Authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4668, amended).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

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 Robert S. Salvo, Sr.

The Senator from Bristol and Norfolk, Mr. Feeney, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Robert S. Salvo, Sr. also known as "Bobby", of Norton, Massachusetts.

Bobby Salvo passed away unexpectedly on June 21, 2022 at the age of sixty-three.

He will be dearly missed by his wife of nearly 41 years, Dawn M. Salvo, his children (Ryan, Robert Jr., and Courtney, and their spouses), his brothers and sisters, and his 7 grandchildren (Dante, Paisley, Brayden, Brody, Elliana, Kinsley and Blake), whom he

loved dearly.

Born on December 28, 1958 in Stoughton to his late parents John and Helen, Bobby grew up in Easton and later made his home in Norton, where he raised his family and proudly founded S & L Construction, a family business he owned and operated for thirty-five years.

A distinguished public servant and well-known member of the community, Bobby was involved in numerous town organizations. He was a longtime member of the Norton Housing Authority, and formerly served as a member of the Norton Recreation Commission and Norton Lions Club. He also served as a Norton Call Firefighter and a Special Police Officer in the Town of Easton. Most notably, he will be remembered for serving 15 years on the Norton Select Board where he cemented his legacy as a pragmatic and dedicated public servant.

In an article published by Sun Chronicle columnist Bill Gouveia, Bobby's service to the town was summarized best:

"He did not promote himself or seek to glorify his own service. Bobby was someone that "did the job" and didn't seek to be recognized for that accomplishment. He was not flashy in his local politics, did not seek to stand out or get his name in the newspaper. He wasn't who you went to for a controversial quote or criticism of his fellow officials.

Bobby Salvo was one of those folks who just did the work, just did his job."

In his spare time, Bobby cultivated many hobbies including cooking, grilling, gardening, and motorcycling. Though above all else, Bobby most enjoyed spending time with his loving family and cherished being a grandfather to his 7 adoring grandchildren, who were the twinkle in his eye.

Bobby has been a fixture of the Norton community for many years, and his passing has left a void in the hearts of all who knew him. He will be missed dearly by his family and friends, and will be remembered for the many contributions he made to the Norton community.

Robert Salvo served with humility and was truly a man for others.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Robert S. Salvo, Sr, at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock AM., on motion of Mr. O'Connor, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.