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Thursday, October 20, 2022.

Met at seven minutes 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.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Ms. Friedman for the purpose of an introduction. Ms. Friedman then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, members of the Committee on Science and the Arts of the Bavarian Parliament delegation as well as the German Consulate. The group was led by Chairman of the Committee Robert Brannekämper and Dr. Sonja Kreibich, Consul General of Germany to the United States. The group is visiting the United States to learn more about the region's innovative health care, university and industry partnerships. The Senate welcomed them with applause, they signed the guest book and withdrew from the Chamber.

Bavarian Parliament.

Communication.

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader, announcing the appointment of Christopher Anderson, President of the Massachusetts High Technology Council (pursuant to Chapter 207 of the Acts of 2018) to the Tax Expenditure Commission (replacing Gregory Sullivan),-- was placed on file.

Tax Expenditure Commission.

Reports.

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

Report of the Office of the Inspector General (pursuant to Section 196(c) of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) submitting its review of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's absence management contract with Workpartners (received October 17, 2022);

OIG,-- MBTA contract report. SD3351

Report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (pursuant to Section 2(c) of Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process (eviction) cases for September 2022 (received October 18, 2022);

EOTC,-- summary process report. SD3352

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 Boston Pre-Release Center (received October 18, 2022);

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD3353

Report of the Pioneer Valley 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 19, 2022); and

PVTA,-- auditors' report. SD3356

Report of MassVentures (pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 40G of the General Laws) submitting its annual report and audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 (received October 19, 2022).

MassVentures,-- annual report. SD3357

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to the sale of old metals and vehicle catalytic converters (House, No. 5356,-- on House, No. 4722),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Catalytic converters,-
- sale.

A Bill relative to restricted vital records (House, No. 5355,-- on House, No. 3207),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

Restricted vital
records.

Report of a Committee.

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House Bill designating July 8 as Massachusetts Emancipation Day a.k.a. Quock Walker Day (House, No. 3117).

Emancipation Day,--
designation.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: "An Act designating July 8 as Massachusetts Emancipation Day also known as Quock Walker Day".

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 amending the charter of the town of Wareham (Senate, No. 2562),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Wareham,-- charter.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill further regulating the powers and duties of the fire chief of the Ware fire department (House No. 2774) (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.**

Ware Fire
Department.

The House Bill separating the positions of town clerk and treasurer-tax collector in the town of Deerfield (House, No. 4846) (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.**

Deerfield,--
appointed positions.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

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:

Authorizing the leasing of a certain parcel of land in the city of Gardner (see House, No. 4980); and

Bills laid before the
Governor.

Relative to Revere and Son Heritage Trust Corporation (see House, No. 5054, amended).

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brady) “congratulating Paul R. Chapman on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Paul R. Chapman.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) “congratulating The Honorable Judge David A. Mills on the occasion of his eightieth birthday”; and

The Honorable Judge David A. Mills.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rush) “congratulating Nathan Louis Johnson on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with The Boy Scouts of America.”

Nathan Louis Johnson.

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 Cassandra Jerome.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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

Time of meeting.

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 House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Molly Urquhart, an employee of the department of children and families (House, No. 5230),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Molly Urquhart,-- sick leave.

Adjournment in Memory of Cassandra Jerome.

The Senator from Norfolk and Suffolk, Mr. Rush, presented a request that that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Cassandra Jerome of Norwood.

Cassandra Jerome unexpectedly passed away on September 14, 2022 at the age of 39. Ms. Jerome made an impact as a social worker with the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families. For nearly seven years she served the Boston, south shore and south coast regions as a member of Department of Children and Families, the most recent three years as an adolescent worker. Ms. Jerome used her voice to advocate for her coworkers and bring attention to issues of racial inequality and discrimination in the workplace. Her advocacy contributed to a healthier and more diverse workplace.

Always facing challenges with a smile on her face and quick joke, Ms. Jerome is described as a “firecracker” and “good human” by her peers. The love of her family, her husband and her children were always her driving force. She was dedicated to her clients and went above and beyond ensuring they received proper services, attention, and time.

Ms. Jerome is survived by her husband Princeton Hunt, children Xavier and Jovanni, and parents Duvane Dubuisson and Louis Jerome.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Cassandra Jerome, at twenty minutes before twelve o’clock noon, on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

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