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Met at seven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Jehlen 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. Jehlen), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the Western Massachusetts Recovery and Wellness Center inspection on November 2, 2022 (received November 10, 2022),-- was placed on file.

DPH,-- plan of correction. SD3390

Report.

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 Suffolk County Jail (received November 10, 2022),-- was placed on file.

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD3389

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Pacheco, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3125), a Bill relative to real property in Lowell (Senate, No. 3138);

Lowell,-- real property.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5382) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) for legislation to validate the actions taken at the annual town meeting in the town of Milford,-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Milford,-- town meeting.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Southamton to grant an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 5223,-- on House, No. 5061) [Local approval received on House, No. 5061];

Southampton,-- liquor license.

Authorizing the city of Revere to pay a certain sum of money to the estate of George J. Rotondo, Jr. (House, No. 5329,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Revere,-- estate payment.

Authorizing the city of Watertown to adopt an affordable housing linkage fee (House, No. 5383,-- on House, No. 5009) [Local approval received on House, No. 5009];

Watertown,-- linkage fee.

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

Matters 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:

Dedham,-- Jonathan Dillon.

The House Bill relative to the maximum age requirement for original appointment as a police officer in the town of Dedham (House, No. 4999),-- **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 exempting Jonathan Dillon from the maximum age requirement for original appointment as a police officer in the town of Dedham.”**;

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 (Ms. Jehlen) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Bills laid before the Governor.

Removing the residency requirement for the water and sewer commission in the city of Lynn (see House, No. 4626); and

Authorizing the city known as the town of West Springfield to grant 7 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 5253).

Moment of Silence.

Moment of silence.

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Jehlen), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection in memory of Daniel M. Walsh III.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O’Connor,--

Time of meeting.

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

Adjournment in Memory of Daniel M. Walsh III.

The Senator from First Hampden and Hampshire, Mr. Lesser, and the Senator from Hampden, Mr. Gomez, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Daniel M. Walsh III., Marine veteran, former Springfield City Councilor and Veterans Service Director for the City of Springfield.

Born November 29, 1941 to his loving parents Daniel M. Walsh, Jr. and Mary Hallahan Walsh, Dan grew up in Springfield alongside his older sister Marita and younger brother Timothy. Dan was fiercely proud of his Springfield roots. This passion for his hometown was instilled by his father, former Hampden County Treasurer Daniel M. Walsh, Jr., and his grandfather, Timothy J. Hallahan, who was badge #1 when he retired from the Springfield Police Department. Dan is a 1956 graduate of Holy Name School. He attended Cathedral High School for two years and graduated from St. John’s Preparatory School in Danvers in 1960.

At St. John’s, he was a decorated track and field athlete: his undefeated 4x4 100 relay team won the indoor State Class C Championship on February 9, 1959. Dan would later be inducted into the St. John’s Hall of Fame in 2010.

While at Providence College, Dan joined the United States Marine Corps (USMC) and was commissioned upon graduation in 1964, as a 2nd Lieutenant. He was stationed at Camp Pendleton, California and Camp Schwab, Okinawa before deployment to Vietnam.

During Officer Candidates School in Quantico, Virginia, he set a record on the obstacle course and loved reminding his Marine buddies of this feat at every Marine Corps reunion.

Dan served as an Infantry Platoon Commander in the Republic of Vietnam while serving in the 2nd Platoon, Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Division. On March 5, 1966, Dan's platoon was ambushed during Operation Utah, and he was shot in the back and leg. Despite these wounds, he continued to battle the enemy and was credited with saving the lives of several fellow Marines, receiving a Purple Heart medal. In 1998, Dan was awarded the Bronze Star for his heroics during that battle. His son, Bennett William Walsh, then Captain, United States Marines Corps, pinned the star on his father in a ceremony at Springfield City Hall. Dan never forgot the Marines who did not return from Vietnam and was a strong advocate for Veteran affairs throughout his life.

Upon his return from Vietnam, Dan met Kateri Bennett while recovering from his wounds in Boston. Dan and Kateri were married on June 10, 1967, in Ansonia, Connecticut. Dan and Kateri's family would later grow to include seven children and eleven grandchildren. Dan loved sharing his passions with his family, such as, flags, watching Red Sox and Patriots games, visiting the City Line, nature and walks in Forest Park, traveling and vacations (especially time spent with family at Black Point, Niantic Connecticut), classic cars, music, movies and countless card and board games.

Dan continued his father's legacy of serving his community and was elected to the Springfield City Council in 1972 and served as Council president 1974-1975. Dan also served on the Springfield Park Commission from 1978-1984 and loved to tell people that Forest Park was "the jewel of Springfield". He proudly served as the City of Springfield Director of Veterans Services from 1996-2011.

Dan was an early supporter of Sheriff Michael Ashe, Jr., his childhood friend, and was proud to be an Honorary Deputy Sheriff. Dan was a member of Holy Name Parish and very active in the Springfield Community, serving on boards and committees, such as, the Ward 6 Democratic Committee, John Boyle O'Reilly Committee, Reserve Officers Association, the Springfield Elks, the Bicentennial Committee, the Pioneer Valley AAA Board of Directors and as a Trustees at Bay Path College. As Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, he directed contributions to ECOS, Camp STAR Angelina Accessible Trail and the flagpole at Riverfront Park. Dan also volunteered as a track coach at Cathedral High School for many years alongside good friend Coach Paul Whitlock.

One of Dan's greatest accomplishments for the city he loved came with a peach basket. Together with his friend Joe Auth - and the support of former Mayor Teddy Dimauro and Garry Brown of the Springfield Republican - they convinced the NCAA and Basketball Hall of Fame to host the first college basketball game of the year in the birthplace of basketball. The event become known as the Tip-Off Classic & Peach Basket Festival. The Tip-Off Classic games brought college-aged Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neil, Ralph Sampson, Chris Mullins, Hakeem Olajuwon, David Robinson, and hometown hero Vinny DelNegro, to the Springfield Civic Center with their basketball magnificence.

Dan leaves behind his cherished wife Kateri and children Daniel M. Walsh, IV (Katherine), Bennett W. Walsh (Lieutenant Colonel, USMC, retired) (Shannon), Christopher H. Walsh, Attorney Michael J. Walsh (Jessica), Kateri M. Walsh, Mary Alicia (Mary Lee) Walsh, Laura Anne Walsh, and Peter Ginsberg. Daniel was beloved by his eleven grandchildren: Molly, Caroline, Bennett, Jr., Siobhan, Patrick, Brendan, Norah, Bridget, Daniel the Fifth, Rodger, and William. He also leaves behind his sister Marita Kennedy (Peter), brother Attorney Timothy J. Walsh (Betsy), brother-in-law Attorney William Bennett (Mary Frey), brother-in-law Joseph Bennett (Terri), sister-in-law Alicia Bennett Mitchell (Kerry) and sister-in-law Mary Bennett O'Brien (Thomas), stepsisters Maribeth Ricketson, Margaret Kiernan (Jay), stepbrother Gregory McMahon (Mary); and

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cousins Frederick and Phillip Hallahan; and much-loved nieces and nephews. Daniel was predeceased by brother-in-law Attorney John J. Bennett, sister-in-law Rena Bennett Laughlin, stepbrothers Attorney George and Judge Kevin McMahon, stepsister, Connecticut State Representative Faith McMahon and stepbrother-in-law Dr. George Sheehan.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Daniel M. Walsh III, at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. O'Connor, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.