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Monday, November 28, 2022.

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

Pledge of allegiance.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Bills

Providing for electric vehicle charging stations in the city of Cambridge (House, No. 3858,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Cambridge,-- charging stations.

Abolishing the town of Hardwick Sewer Commission and delegating to the Select Board control over the Hardwick sewer redevelopment project (House, No. 5241,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Hardwick,-- sewer redevelopment project.

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

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) "congratulating Mary Rebello on her one hundred and fourth birthday";

Mary Rebello.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka, Mr. Eldridge and Ms. Rausch) "congratulating Edward 'Ed' Carr on his retirement as executive director of the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority"; and

Edward "Ed" Carr.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Timilty and Feeney) "commending the Canton Association of Business & Industry, Inc. on its fiftieth anniversary."

Canton Association of Business & Industry, Inc.

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 a certain bridge in the town of Orleans as the Norman Wood Finch memorial bridge (House, No. 3969) (the committee on Rules having recommended that the bill be amended by striking out, in line 1, the words "The bridge" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "Bridge number O04001";

Norman Wood Finch bridge,-- Orleans.

By striking out section 2; and

By inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:-

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to designate forthwith a certain bridge in the town of Orleans, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor,

and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Rules.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

*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 authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be consumed on the premises (House, No. 5177), - **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 authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises”.**

Milford,-- liquor license.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

*Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill authorizing Nikos Sofronas to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (see Senate, No. 1697) (which originated in the Senate), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Crighton) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Collins), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection in memory of Helen Allix and Thelma Burns.

Moment of silence.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. O’Connor,--

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

Time of meeting.

*Adjournment in Memory of Ms. Helen Allix.*

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, moves that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Helen Allix of South Boston.

Ms. Helen Allix passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on Nov. 21st, 2022.

Helen devoted herself to her South Boston community and the well-being of its people. Helen began her service at the Multi-Service Center on D Street before embarking on her 30-year career with the City of Boston. Helen was the Chairwoman of South Boston Against Drugs, served on both the Laboure and Gavin Foundation Boards and served as the treasurer for the Convention Center Foundation. Upon her retirement, she became passionate about the Feeding Program that assisted families in her beloved D Street.

Helen was predeceased by her husband James J. Allix, her parents Helen (Shimkus)

and Joseph Keating, and her sisters Jean and Joan. Helen was the cherished and devoted mother to Andrea Allix, Michelle Allix, Debra Flaherty and her husband James, James A. Allix and his wife Kim as well as Annemary Heggenberger and her husband Tom. Helen was the beloved “Gram” to Coleman, Shamus, and Kaleigh Rose Flaherty. Helen is survived by her siblings Joseph Keating and Anne Caldwell.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Ms. Helen Allix, at nineteen minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Collins, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

*Adjournment in Memory of Ms. Thelma Burns.*

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, moves that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Thelma Burns.

Ms. Thelma Burns, a well-known Boston community service champion, passed away peacefully on November 18, 2022.

Thelma served as co-founder and Executive Director of The Storefront Learning Center, one of Boston's first learning programs focused on the needs of inner-city youth. Thelma's involvement with Boston's marginalized youth grew to include her service in two different Metropolitan Council of Education Opportunity (METCO) program communities, first in Cohasset and later in Belmont, where she spent more than 20 years changing and improving the lives of countless young people. After her retirement from METCO in 2001, Thelma became focused on the needs and concerns of Boston's senior community. Thelma served on the Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) Board of Directors for more than 35 years, in multiple capacities, including Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Chair. Thelma headed the ABCD Dorchester Neighborhood Service Center board for more than 15 years. She also operated in a leadership capacity on numerous community boards, including Central Boston Elder Services, the Mayor's Senior Advisory Council, and the Roxbury YMCA. Most recently she served on the Board of the Grimes-King Foundation for the Elderly, Inc. In 2016, Thelma was recognized when ABCD elected to name its newly renovated building in her honor. Thelma was a longtime, devoted member of Morning Star Baptist Church and was active in her local chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. for many decades. A two-time cancer survivor and ardent advocate, Thelma volunteered in a variety of capacities to increase cancer awareness and prevention.

Thelma leaves behind her husband of 66 years, Edward Burns; her children, Gemma (Elisa) Burns, Karen Burns (Cecil) White, and Candace Burns; her grandsons, Kyle (Paige) White and Dr. Cedric (Dr. Julianne) White; and great-granddaughter, Morgan White.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Ms. Thelma Burns, at nineteen minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Collins, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M.