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

Pledge of allegiance.

Report.

Report of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (pursuant to item 1790-3009 of Section 2 of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its seventh quarterly report on the deployment of an online delivery system for unemployment insurance compensation benefits (received August 17, 2023),-- was placed on file.

EOLWD,-- online UI report. SD2730

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Rush (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael Kelly for legislation to establish the official tugboat of the Commonwealth; and

Official tugboat. SD2728

By the same Senator (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael Kelly for legislation to establish the official barrier boat of the Commonwealth;

Official barrier boat. SD2729

Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Bills

Amending the act establishing a charter for the town of Wrentham (House, No. 4061, - on House, No. 3717) [Local approval received on House, No. 3717]; and

Wrentham,-- charter.

Permitting the town of Wakefield to convey an easement to the Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department (House, No. 4062,-- on House, No. 3729) [Local approval received on House, No. 3729];

Wakefield,-- easement.

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

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kimberly Riggins, an employee of the department of correction (House, No. 4006),-- was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Kimberly Riggins,-- sick leave.

The House Bill relative to the retirement benefits of the surviving beneficiary of

Robert Lawler,-- retirement.

Robert Lawler (House, No. 2649),-- 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 providing for certain retirement benefits for the surviving beneficiary of Robert Lawler.”

Reports 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 Thomas Chiocca for legislation relative to retirement benefits for Thomas Chiocca.

Thomas Chiocca,--
retirement.
SD2680

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O’Connor, 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.

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 Marc R. Pacheco for legislation to update and decrease a carbon emissions limit that achieves at least net zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions.

Carbon emissions,--
decrease.
SD2547

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O’Connor, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Lovely), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Ulderico “Jerry” Gennaro D’Alfonso.

Moment of silence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preamble Adopted; Engrossed Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kimberly Riggins, an employee of the department of correction (see House, No. 4006), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0.

Kimberly Riggins,--
sick leave.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Ms. Lovely) and sent to the House for enactment.

Subsequently, the bill, which originated in the House, came from the House with the endorsement that it had been enacted in that branch.

The Senate then passed the bill to be enacted; and it was signed by the Acting President (Ms. Lovely) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.

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., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Ulderico “Jerry” Gennaro D’Alfonso

The Senator from Essex, Ms. Lovely, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Ulderico “Jerry” Gennaro D’Alfonso.

Ulderico “Jerry” Gennaro D’Alfonso passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family at Brooksby Village in Peabody. He was 90 years old. Jerry was the beloved husband of Joan (Picardi) D’Alfonso. Born in Boston, MA, he was the dear son of the late Ulderico and Teresa (Dario) D’Alfonso.

The only son of Italian immigrants, Jerry attended Northeastern University and was the first in his family to attend college. At Northeastern, Jerry discovered his passion for journalism. Upon graduation, he entered the U.S. Army and had his first newspaper experience as editor at the 5th Core Guardian. His education combined with his editorial skill formed the foundation for Jerry’s successful 35-year career at The Boston Globe where he introduced The Globe’s popular Living/Arts section. Jerry possessed an unparalleled work ethic, dedication to excellence and unwavering commitment to provide citizens with the information they needed to make the best possible decisions about their lives, their communities, their societies, and their governments.

Although journalism was Jerry’s professional passion, family was everything. Jerry was the quintessential “Honey” to his wife Joan, “Daddy” to his children and “Papa” to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The 65-year love story of Jerry and Joan began in East Boston as teenagers, journeyed to Beverly where they raised a family, and later globetrotted around the world upon retirement. Jerry’s four children provided him with an abundance of pride and joy, and he celebrated and supported every step in each of their busy lives. Whether it was swimming in the above ground pool, camping in the White Mountains, driving down the east coast in the Chevy station wagon or celebrating holidays with his four older sisters and their families, Jerry cherished time with his family and was sure to capture the iconic memories with his trusty camera. As the proud Papa, Jerry was always in search of the perfect photograph of his family. Jerry’s capacity to love was boundless and his life became complete as his family expanded, first with the birth of his grandchildren and then as he welcomed his beloved great-grandchildren. There wasn’t a sporting event, graduation or school performance that Papa missed. His family’s patriarch and role model, Jerry was a very special gentleman whose generosity, kindness and love touched many.

To know Jerry was to love Jerry. An avid reader and writer, Jerry had an uncanny ability to remember everything he had ever learned. The consummate conversationalist, Jerry always had an interesting anecdote, current event or historical tidbit to share. Forever curious and a trusted friend, “Tell me some news” was Jerry’s favorite opening line.

In addition to his wife Joan, Jerry is survived by three daughters, Nancy Frates and her husband John, of Beverly; Judith Cronin and her husband Arthur, of Beverly; and Dana D’Alfonso of Boston; one son, Chris D’Alfonso and his wife Karin of Beverly; two granddaughters, Jennifer Mayo and her husband Daniel; Elizabeth Hannan and her husband Justin; four grandsons, Andrew Frates and his wife, Katherine; Michael Cronin; Alexander D’Alfonso and Nathaniel D’Alfonso; five great-grandchildren, Adelyn, Freya and Jack Mayo; Lucy Frates; Kendall and Luke Hannan; and many loving nieces and nephews. His beloved grandson, Peter Frates, predeceased Jerry.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Ulderico “Jerry” Gennaro D’Alfonso, at twenty-eight minutes before twelve o’clock noon, on motion of Mr. O’Connor, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M.