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Met at eleven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Collins in the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. Collins), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

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 the Franklin County Jail and House of Correction, Greenfield (received June 28, 2024),-- was placed on file.

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD3316

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Moran, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2843) of Susan L. Moran (by vote of the town) to authorize the town of Pembroke to issue one additional liquor license [Local approval received]; and

Pembroke,-- liquor license.

By the same Senator, a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2844) of Susan L. Moran (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Pembroke to issue one additional liquor license to South Shore Market and Deli [Local approval received];

Id.

Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Order.

Mr. Eldridge presented an Order relative to granting the committee on the Judiciary until July 31, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents, numbered 906, 920, 938, 942, 955, 962, 973, 977, 982, 1009, 1011, 1016, 1036, 1040, 1050, 1053, 1098, 1101, 1104, 1114, 1129, 1140, 2809, and 2835 relative to judicial matters (Senate, No. 2849);

Judiciary,-- extension.

Referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Lewis, for the committee on Education, on Senate, Nos. 246, 267, 293, 307, 339, and 349, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents to assessments and accountability matters (Senate, No. 2841);

Education,-- study.

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, Nos. 1268 and 2786, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Health Care Financing to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to health care financing matters (Senate, No. 2842); and

Health Care Financing,-- study.

By Mr. Eldridge, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, Nos. 936, 980, 1000, 1069, and 1108, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on the Judiciary to

Judiciary,-- study.

make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to judicial matters (Senate, No. 2851) [Senator Creem dissenting];

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to strengthening Massachusetts' economic leadership (House, No. 4804,-- on House, No. 4459,-- being a message from Her Excellency the Governor), -- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Economic development.

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 exempting Eric Robert Esteves from the maximum age requirement for police officers in the town of Ware (House, No. 3961),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Ware,-- Eric Robert Esteves.

Reports of a Committee.

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

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Dedham as the Honorable Kelly A. Timilty memorial bridge (House, No. 3383, amended).

Dedham,-- Hon. Kelly A. Timilty memorial bridge.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The House Bill relative to the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical high school (House, No. 4384).

Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Tech High School.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, 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 further regulating the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical high school".

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Collins), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Jack L. Cook.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

Time of meeting.

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourns to meet again on Wednesday next, at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Adjournment in Memory of Mr. Jack L. Cook.

The Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Mr. Jack L. Cook of Rowley.

Jack L. Cook peacefully passed away on June 18, 2024 surrounded by his loving family. Jack was born on October 22, 1941, at Cable Hospital to Leonard and Bertha Cook. Jack was beloved and lifelong resident of Rowley.

Jack took over his family's iconic "Cook's Package Store," becoming a well-known and respected business owner. He also owned "Cooks Rubbish" and was proud to pass down his legacy to his grandson, Michael.

Jack was devoted to the town of Rowley. He served as the Cemetery Commissioner for over forty years and was on the Board of Selectmen for three terms. He was also the Water Board Commissioner, on the Housing Authority and a Clam Commissioner. He will also be remembered as Rowley's Fire Captain, emulating his grandfather's career as Rowley's first Fire Chief. Jack's life was filled with passion and excitement, reflected in many hobbies and interests. His legacy of service and love for the Town will continue to inspire future generations.

Jack is survived by his devoted wife of sixty-three years, Linda; and their children, son, Michael Cook and his wife Linda of Rowley, daughter, Suellen Desjardins and her husband, Kevin of Salisbury, and sister, Donna Toto of Methuen, and by his eight grandchildren, Stephanie Cook, Tiffany Cook, Michelle Mycko, Amanda Perry, Ashleigh Cook, Michael Cook, Matthew Desjardins and Jack Cook III. He is also survived by twelve great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Jack L. Cook, at seventeen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. O'Connor, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.