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

Pledge of allegiance.

Communications.

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

Communication from the Massachusetts Municipal Association, announcing the appointments of Jill Hai and Dave Koffman (under the provisions of Section 201 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) to the Special Commission on Combatting Antisemitism in the Commonwealth (received September 27, 2024); and

Special Commission on Combatting Antisemitism,-- appt. SD3456 MHFA,-- annual report. SD3455

Communication from the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (pursuant to Section 14 of Chapter 708 of the Acts of 1966) submitting its fiscal year 2024 annual report (received September 30, 2024).

Report.

Report of the Montachusett Regional 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, 2024 (received September 27, 2024),-- **was placed on file.**

MART,-- auditors' report. SD3457

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Oliveira, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill authorizing the county of Nantucket to convey School Street situated in the town and county of Nantucket for purposes of conveyance to the town of Nantucket (Senate, No. 2942) [Local approval received];

Nantucket,-- land conveyance.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Nantucket conservation commission to convey a certain parcel of land situated in the town for purposes of conveyance to the town of Nantucket under the care, custody, management and control of the select board and the town of Nantucket to convey certain land in the town of Nantucket held for open space, passive recreation or conservation purposes to the Nantucket islands land bank for the purposes pursuant to its legislation and/or to the Sconset Trust, Inc. For open space, conservation and passive recreation purposes (Senate, No. 2946) [Local approval received]; and

Id.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill making the charter of the county on Nantucket gender neutral (Senate, No. 2948) [Local approval received];

Nantucket,-- charter gender neutral.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5059) of Jessica Ann Giannino and Brendan P. Crighton (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Saugus;

Saugus,-- charter.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5060) of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston retirement board be authorized to increase the accidental disability retirement allowance payable for Richard Lopez, a retired firefighter of the fire department of said city; and

Boston,-- Richard Lopez.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5061) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that Dave Michienzi be authorized to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Haverhill,-- Dave Michienzi.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Bills

Establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town of Westminster (House, No. 4875,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Westminster,-- town clerk.

Amending the term of the moderator in the town of Wrentham (House, No. 4881,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Wrentham,-- town moderator.

Authorizing the city of Revere to grant two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4991,-- on House, No. 4823) [Local approval received on House, No. 4823];

Revere,-- liquor licenses.

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 considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) “commending the Essex National Heritage Area on its recognition of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the first Massachusetts Provincial Congress.”

Essex National Heritage Area.

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 chapter 305 of the acts of 2016 relative to the year-round market rate rental housing trust fund in the town of Provincetown (Senate, No. 2744),-- was read a third time.

Provincetown,-- rental housing.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Cyr presented an amendment substituting a new draft entitled “An Act further regulating the Year-round Market Rate Rental Housing Trust Fund in the town of Provincetown” (Senate, No. 2951).

The amendment was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2951) was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Natick to continue the employment of police officer John Haswell (House, No. 4686),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Natick,-- John Haswell.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5065) of David T. Vieira (with the approval of the board of regional county commissioners) that Wayne Taylor be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Wayne Taylor,--
creditable service.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill promoting animal welfare and further regulating the reporting of animal cruelty, abuse or neglect (see House, No. 4911) (which originated in the House), **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. Collins) and laid before the Governor for her 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 to the memory of Karen A. Stanley.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Timilty--
Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Karen A. Stanley.

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Karen A. Stanley.

Ms. Karen Stanley of South Boston, passed away peacefully on September 17, 2024, at her sisters' Cape house, which was one of her favorite spots to spend time with her beloved life partner, Don, and her family who were all fortunate enough to be by her side. Daughter of the late John J. Stanley and Catherine "Catty" (Canavan); and beloved life partner of Donald Wilson. Devoted sister of John "Jay" Stanley of South Boston, Janet Stanley of South Boston, Christine Tyrell and her husband, Paul "PJ" of Weymouth. Cherished aunt of Lauren and Sean Tyrell and Christine O'Keefe.

Ms. Stanley was the owner of Vibrant Event Productions, a longtime business owner of Karen's Boutique in South Boston, Whispers Boutique's throughout New England and longtime manager of Kay Clothes Inn in South Boston. Ms. Stanley was one of the founders of the South Boston Street Festival, as Vice President of the South Boston Chamber of Commerce, the event planner for The Taste of South Boston, and board member of St. Christopher Montessori School. Ms. Stanley helped South Boston become the thriving neighborhood it is today. Ms. Stanley was well known and loved by many in South Boston and beyond.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Karen A. Stanley, at eighteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Durant, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.