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Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

Met at twenty 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.



Distinguished Guest.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Collins) introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Lew Kneeland of South Boston. Mr. Kneeland was recognized for his lifetime of service to the country as a veteran of the United States Air Force, a retiree of the United States Postal Service and as Quartermaster of the Thomas J. Fitzgerald VFW Post 561. The Senate welcomed him with applause and he was presented with a Senate Citation congratulating him on his distinguished service. Mr. Kneeland briefly addressed the Senate, signed the guest book and withdrew from the Chamber.

Lew Kneeland.

Communication.

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader, announcing the appointment of Tara Gregorio (under Section 32 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024) to the special commission to study and recommend policies to ensure assisted living residences adequately meet the health and safety needs of residents (received November 8, 2024),-- **was placed on file.**

Special Commission,-- assisted living. SD3526

Petition.

Mr. Cyr presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2980) of Julian Cyr for legislation to authorize the Wellfleet Selectboard to lease property to the Wellfleet Food Pantry, Inc. [Local approval received];

Wellfleet,-- food pantry.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointment by the Speaker:

Representative Orrall of Lakeville has been appointed to serve as his designee (under Section 261 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1994) to the Cranberry Experiment Station Board of Oversight.

Cranberry Experiment Station Board of Oversight,-- appt.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4909) of Kenneth I. Gordon (by vote of the town) for legislation to extend the time for the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses in the town of Burlington,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.**

Burlington,-- liquor license.

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A Bill authorizing Christina Rodriguez to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4859, amended,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Haverhill,--
Christina
Rodriguez.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) “congratulating Patricia “Pat” Gozemba and Karen Kahn on over 20 years of service to their community through Salem Alliance for the Environment (SAFE), Inc.”

Patricia Gozemba
and Karen Kahn.

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 authorizing certain employment contracts for the town of Milford (House, No. 4779) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Milford,-- deputy
police chief.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Warwick to continue the employment of David A. Shoemaker as police chief until a maximum age of 70 (House, No. 4908),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it’s title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: “An Act authorizing the town of Warwick to continue the employment of David A. Shoemaker as police chief”.**

Warwick,-- police
chief David
Shoemaker.

Report 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 Cindy F. Friedman for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kate Sout-Sorm, an employee of the department of transitional assistance.

Kate Sout-Sorm,--
sick leave.
SD3505

Senate Rule 36 was 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.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2979) of Michael F. Rush for legislation to protect Norwood healthcare access,-- came from the House with endorsement that the House concurred in the suspension of Joint Rule 12; and had NON-concurred in the reference to the committee on Health Care Financing. The petition bore the further endorsement that the matter had been referred to the committee on Public Health.

Norwood,--
healthcare services.

On motion of Mr. O’Connor, the Senate receded from its reference to the committee on Health Care Financing and concurred in the reference to the committee on Public Health.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5099) of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to property tax classification in the city of Boston,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Revenue.**

Boston,-- property
tax.

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 Susan Kay.

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. and that pursuant to an order previously adopted, the Senate may convene in formal business for the purposes of considering conference committee reports filed in the Senate or received from the House under the provisions of Joint Rules 11 or 11A.

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Former Weymouth Mayor Susan "Sue" Kay.

The Senator from Plymouth and Norfolk, Mr. O'Connor and the Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of former Weymouth Mayor Susan "Sue" Kay, who passed away on October 17, 2024 at the age of 74.

Sue was born in South Boston, on July 18, 1950. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, public servant and leader who touched countless lives both personally and professionally.

Sue attended the Gate of Heaven High School in Boston, graduating in 1968.

Sue had a passion for soccer, and she left a long-lasting legacy in Weymouth youth sports. She pioneered the Weymouth's Youth Soccer Program in the early 80's and joined the newly formed Board of Directors, serving for over 20 years, including multiple terms as President.

Sue coached many teams, and took on various roles, from lining fields to managing jerseys, and even running the concessions stand with her husband Frank.

Among her many roles in the community, she served as a Precinct 5 member, a Town Meeting Member, a Member of Appropriations Committee, a Member of the Personnel Board, Clerk to the Selectman, Vice Chair of the Board of Selectman, and Councilor-at-Large.

Sue went on to become Weymouth's second Mayor and the first female to hold that office. She served as Mayor of Weymouth with high distinction for 8 years.

Mayor Kay had many notable accomplishments and led Weymouth through some of its most difficult financial years during the great recession of 2008 and 2009.

Caring deeply for veterans and her local community, Sue would buy veteran coins and would make sure to give one to each veteran she met. She truly enjoyed participating in various Weymouth clubs, reading, watching Boston sports, and most of all, spending time with her family.

She is survived by her son Phillip Kay and his wife, Karrie, of Fairfax, VA. She was the grandmother to Caroline and Ryan Kay and sister to Maureen Maloney (Sullivan), Joseph Sullivan, Michael Sullivan and the late Joanne Perron (Sullivan). She is predeceased by her beloved husband Frank Kay.

I have had the privilege of knowing Mayor Kay and serving with her as a member of the Town Council. In 2017, I was honored to nominate Mayor Kay as a recipient of the Commonwealth Heroine award for her over 35 years of dedicated public service to the community.

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Her loss leaves a huge hole in the South Shore community. My thoughts go out to Susan's family, all her friends and colleagues.

Rest in Peace Sue and thank you so much for all that you have done changing the lives of so many people for the better. You will be incredibly missed.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of former Weymouth Mayor Susan "Sue" Kay, at twenty 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.