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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Distiguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Mr. Rush for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Rush then introduced, in the well of the Chamber, his daughter Keira Rose Rush, an 8th grader at Ursaline Academy and his son, Declan Michael Francis Rush. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Keira and Declan
Rush.

Communication.

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader, announcing the appointment of Senator Patrick O' Connor (under Section 13V of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) to the commission, within the international trade office, on the Massachusetts-Ireland trade (received November 27, 2024),-- **was placed on file.**

Commission,--
Massachusetts-
Ireland trade.
SD3557

Report.

Report of MassDevelopment (pursuant to Chapter 498 of the Acts of 1993) submitting its fiscal year 2024 annual report for Devens (received November 27, 2024),-- **was placed on file.**

MassDev,-- Devens
report.
SD3556

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5130) of John Barrett, III (with vote of the town) for legislation to validate the results of the special election held in the town of Cheshire on August 12, 2024,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.**

Cheshire,-- special
election.

A Bill authorizing Dave Michienzi to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 5061,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Haverhill,-- Dave
Michienzi.

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 authorizing the town of Provincetown to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2860),-- **was**

Provincetown,--
liquor license.

**read a third time and passed to be engrossed.
Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The House Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Paul O'Brien (House, No. 4592) (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.**

Boston,-- police officer Paul O'Brien.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Authorizing the Adams Fire District to maintain an Enterprise Fund (see House, No. 2031);

Bills laid before the Governor.

Repealing certain fiscal stability procedures in the towns of Chesterfield and Goshen (see House, No. 4525); and

Amending the appointment of and election restrictions on finance committee and capital planning members in the town of Newbury (see House, No. 4742).

Bill relative to property tax classification in the city of Boston (House, No. 5114,-- on House, No. 5099) [Local approval received on House, No. 5099],-- was read.

Boston,-- property tax classification.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Rush, and the bill was read a second time.

After remarks and pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Collins moved that the matter be laid upon the table; and, in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 24, the consideration of the motion to lay on the table was postponed, without question, until the next session.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 5077, amended),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had concurred in the Senate amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2974, *with a further amendment* striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5132.

Supplemental appropriations.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the further House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

Recess.

There being no objection, at ten minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at twenty-two minutes before one o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

Emergency Preamble Adopted; Engrossed Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for

Id.

supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 5077, amended), 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 3 to 0.

The bill was signed by the Acting President, (Mr. Brownsberger) 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 (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of Mr. Collins, the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Sheila A. Lynch.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

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. Sheila A. Lynch.

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

Ms. Sheila Lynch of South Boston, passed away suddenly, at home on November 27, 2024. Beloved partner of more than 30 years to the late Kevin Ronan of South Boston. Devoted daughter of the late Anne and Francis Lynch. Dear sister of Karen O'Leary and her husband, Joseph, Congressman Stephen F. Lynch and his wife, Margaret, Nancy Conroy and her husband, Kevin, Donna Bohan and her husband, Michael, all of South Boston and the late Jeanne "Lynda" Lynch. Beloved aunt of Krysten Wallace, Nichole Mikshenas, Casey O'Leary, Mark O'Leary, Thomas Bohan and Victoria Lynch. Honorary aunt to Crystal Shaughnessy and Nolan Upton. She is survived by her many loving cousins and friends. Sheila was a proud lifelong resident of South Boston. She was one of the main organizers of the "Great Southie Reunion" and delighted in anything related to the history of the community. Sheila was also a dedicated member of the Ward 7 Democratic Committee for decades.

Sheila was a lover of the sea, an avid beach bum and a longtime member of the Columbia Yacht Club. If she loved anything more than a beach chair in the sand, it was probably a seat at Fenway Park rooting on her favorite Boston Red Sox. Sheila will forever be known as the fun aunt who gave her nieces and nephews everything their mothers didn't want them to have. She was the one who would always slip a few bucks into your pocket to be sure you had some fun money. She had a generous and loyal heart. Sheila will be missed by all who knew her.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Ms. Sheila A. Lynch, at eight minutes past one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Collins, the Senate adjourned to meet again

on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.
