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Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Met at twenty-four minutes past one o'clock P.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.

Communications.

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

Communication from the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab (pursuant to item 8100-1004 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its quarterly crime lab report for the third and fourth quarters of fiscal year 2023 (received February 20, 2024); and

MSPCL,-- FY23 Q3&Q4 crime lab report. SD3037

Communication from the Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention Commission (pursuant to Section 219(e) of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting its 2023 annual report of activities to date (received February 27, 2024).

CBH commission,-- annual report. SD3039

Reports.

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

Report from the Massachusetts Housing & Shelter Alliance (pursuant to line item 7004-0104 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on Home and Healthy for Good: A solution driven permanent supportive housing model (received February 22, 2024);

MHSA,-- Home & Healthy for Good report. SD3035

Report from the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (pursuant to line item 1790-0100 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on initiatives undertaken relative to modernizing information technology and enhancing cybersecurity (received February 20, 2024);

EOTTS,-- IT and cybersecurity report. SD3038

Report of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (pursuant to Section 13 D 1/2 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting its MassHealth Community Behavioral Health Center (CBHC) report (received February 15, 2024);

EOHHS,-- CBHC report. SD3040

Report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education pursuant to line item 7061-9813 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its FY23 Rural School Aid Report (received February 28, 2024); and

DESE,-- FY23 rural school aid report. SD3041

Report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (pursuant to Section 15(c) of Chapter 239 of the General Laws) submitting its report summarizing the statistics on eviction filings, actions, and dispositions from January 2023 through January 2024 (received February 16, 2024).

EOTC,-- rental protections report. SD3042

Placed on File.

By Mr. Cronin, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on the Communication from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws) submitting proposed regulations for

Mass. Gaming Commission,-- regulations.

205 CMR 15.00 relative to racing meeting licensing (Senate, No. 2573),-- **reported that the same be placed on file.**

Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and was accepted. Sent to the House for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Edwards (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Stefany Sanchez Giraldo, for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Stefany Sanchez Giraldo, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families; and

Stefany Sanchez Giraldo,-- sick leave. SD3033

By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Barry R. Finegold for legislation to provide for certain retirement benefits for the surviving beneficiary of Brandon Arakelian;

Brandon Arakelian,-- surviving beneficiary. SD3043

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

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on Senate, No. 2557, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to superannuation benefits for Ann Marie Okeefe (Senate, No. 2693);

Public Service,-- study.

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

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on petition, a Bill further regulating the Assisted Living Advisory Council (Senate, No. 373);

ALAC,-- regulate.

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

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on Senate, No. 381 and House, No. 637, a Bill establishing an LGBTQI long-term care facility bill of rights (Senate, No. 2604);

LGBTQI long-term care,-- bill of rights.

Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on petition, a Bill establishing a statewide adopt-a-senior program (Senate, No. 400);

Adopt-a-senior,-- volunteer program.

By Mr. Eldridge, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, No. 959 and House, No. 1688, a Bill to prevent the imposition of mandatory minimum sentences based on juvenile adjudications (Senate, No. 2593);

Juveniles,-- mandatory minimums.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 922 and 1007 and House, No. 1567, a Bill relative to probation violations (Senate, No. 2594);

Probation,-- violations.

By Mr. Oliveira, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on Senate, No. 1287 and House, No. 2047, a Bill providing for pre-service training for members of local boards and commissions (Senate, No. 1287);

Boards and commissions,-- training.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the term of special permits (Senate, No. 1300);

Zoning laws,-- special permits.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the county of Plymouth to issue pension obligation bonds or notes (Senate, No. 1316);

Plymouth county,-- pension bonds.

By Mr. Collins, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight,

Taxpayers,-- protection.

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on petition, a Bill relative to protecting the taxpayers of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2047);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the transfer of a parcel of land in the city of Taunton (Senate, No. 2048);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill improving the internal controls within state agencies (Senate, No. 2050);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to debar employers who violate certain federal laws from contracting with the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2051);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to calculation full costs for public construction (Senate, No. 2052); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the employment of persons with disabilities (Senate, No. 2456);

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Eldridge, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, No. 950 and House, No. 1714, a Bill relative to housing court jurisdiction (Senate, No. 2592);

By Mr. Oliveira, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill relative to indigenous representation on the Martha's Vineyard Commission (Senate, No. 465);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to variances (Senate, No. 1301); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to regional municipal affordable housing trust funds (Senate, No. 1307);

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following House and Joint standing committee appointments by the Minority Leader:

- Joint Committee on the Judiciary, Ranking Minority Member – Joseph D. McKenna
- House Committee on Ways and Means – Removal of Joseph D. McKenna
- House Committee on Ways and Means – Marcus S. Vaughn

Bills

Authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain portion of the Gardner Heritage State Park to the city of Gardner (House, No. 4447, - on House, No. 3133); and

Relative to equitable court staffing (House, No. 4449,-- on House, No. 1482);

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

A Bill establishing memorial markers in the towns of Milton and Canton in memory of certain law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty (House, No. 786,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

A Bill relative to the provision of health insurance for eligible employees and retirees in the town of Worthington (House, No. 4231,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next**

Taunton,-- land transfer.

State agencies,-- internal controls.

Immigration laws,-- employers.

Public construction,-- costs.

Persons with disabilities,-- employment.

Housing court,-- jurisdiction.

Martha's Vineyard Commission,-- representation.

Variances,-- permit granting.

Inter-municipal housing trusts.

House and Joint standing committee appointments.

Gardner,-- land.

Court staffing.

Milton and Canton,-- memorial markers.

Worthington,-- town employees.

session.

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Dedham as the Honorable Deborah R. Cochran memorial bridge (see House, No. 3382, 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 7 to 0.

Dedham,-- Deborah R. Cochran bridge.

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

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), 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:

Bills laid before the Governor.

Changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Rockport to the select board (see Senate, No. 2459);

Exempting certain positions in the city of Northampton from the civil service law (see House, No. 3719);

Establishing the position of town manager in the town of Belchertown (see House, No. 3960);

Designating a certain bridge in the towns of Belchertown and Ware as the Kenneth J. Iwasinski memorial bridge (see House, No. 4008, amended); and

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Stoneham as the State Trooper Tamar A. Bucci Memorial Bridge (see House, No. 4123, amended).

Taken Out of the Notice Section of the Calendar.

The following matter was taken out of the Notice Section of the Calendar and considered as follows:

The House Bill authorizing the board of selectmen of the town of Rockland to serve as cemetery commissioners for the town (House, No. 4010) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time an passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Rockland,-- cemetery commissioners.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Order granting the committee on Election Laws be granted until May 28, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 410, 418, 422, 423, 428, 436, 437, 2444, 2500, and 2511, relative to election laws matters (Senate, No. 2608),-- ought to be adopted.

Election Laws,-- extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Finegold, and, after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Order.

The following House Order (approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) was considered as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Election Laws be granted until Tuesday, March 19, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 664, 668, 677, 684, 714, 3974, 3983, 4091, 4112, 4125, 4203, 4223 and 4272.

Election Laws,--
extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Keenan, and the order (House, No. 4380) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

A Bill authorizing the city of Lynn to use certain park land for school purposes (House, No. 4448,-- on House, No. 4127) [Local approval received on House, No. 4127],-- was read.

Lynn,-- land.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Crighton, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), the members, guests, and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of former Senator Susan C. Tucker.

Moment of silence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4456) of Mark J. Cusack relative to licensing of earned wage access services providers by the Division of Banks;

Div.of Banks,--
service provider
licensing.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Financial Services.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4457) of Adrian C. Madaro for legislation to establish a Massport Climate Resiliency Trust Fund to be funded by a portion of jet fuel excise taxes; and

Massport Climate
Resiliency Trust
Fund.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4458) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and Bud L. Williams relative to real estate tax abatements for certain blind persons;

Tax abatement,--
blind persons.

Severally, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Revenue.

Orders.

The following House Orders (severally approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) were considered as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Education be granted until Friday, March 15, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 240, 247, 248, 276, 333, 342, 346 and 350, and House documents numbered 432, 452, 465, 467, 486, 493, 497, 516, 537, 555, 557, 560, 575, 593, 3573, 3754 and 3853.

Education,--
extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Lewis, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4334) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Education be granted until Friday, March 15, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 239, 252, 254, 259, 286, 288, 299, 311, 318, 340 and 344, and House documents numbered 468, 498, 500, 528, 529, 536, 542, 546, 548, 549, 561, 583, 588 and 591.

Id.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Lewis, and the order (House, No.

4335) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Education be granted until Saturday, June 1, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2528, and House document numbered 4229.

Id.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Lewis, and the order (House, No. 4336) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Education be granted until Sunday, June 30, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 246, 267, 293, 307, 339 and 349, and House documents numbered 438, 488, 495 and 600.

Id.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Lewis, and the order (House, No. 4337) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Education be granted until Friday, March 15, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 241, 249, 269, 324, 332 and 356, and House documents numbered 425, 430, 442, 449, 454, 472, 499, 535, 547, 550, 571, 3568, 3943 and 3944.

Id.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Lewis, and the order (House, No. 4338) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government be granted until Thursday, February 29, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2549.

Municipalities and
Regional
Government,--
extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Oliveira, and the order was considered forthwith.

Pending the question on adoption of the order, Mr. Oliveira offered an amendment in line 2 by striking out the words “Thursday, February 29, 2024” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “Thursday, March 7, 2024”.

The amendment was adopted.

After remarks, the order (House, No. 4401), as amended, was then adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Higher Education be granted until Friday, March 1, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 816, 818 and 823, and House documents numbered 1260, 1265, 1286 and 3761.

Higher Education,--
extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Comerford, and the order was considered forthwith.

Pending the question on adoption of the order, Ms. Comerford offered an amendment in line 2 by striking out the words “Friday, March 1, 2024” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “Friday, March 8, 2024”.

The amendment was adopted.

After remarks, the order (House, No. 4365), as amended, was then adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were considered as follows:

Bills

Second reading bills.

Relative to real property tax abatement for active duty military personnel in the town of Sutton (Senate, No. 2493);

Relative to the maximum age requirement for police officers for the city of Methuen (House, No. 2548);

Exempting the police chief of the town of Wrentham from the civil service law (House, No. 2678);

Exempting the deputy police chief of the town of Wrentham from the civil service law (House, No. 2679);

Authorizing the town of Charlemont to continue the employment of fire department member Dennis Annear (House, No. 3988);

Authorizing the town of Rowe to continue the employment of fire department member Dennis Annear (House, No. 3989);

To amend the Needham charter (House, No. 3997);

Authorizing the town of Sunderland to continue the employment of fire department member Scott Smith (House, No. 4003);

Extending the date for issuance of certain licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in Hanover (House, No. 4009);

Authorizing the town of Eastham, acting by and through its board of selectmen, to convey a conservation restriction on a certain parcel of land to the Eastham conservation foundation, inc (House, No. 4012, amended);

Exempting William McGrath from the age restrictions for police officers in the town of Wrentham (House, No. 4041);

Relative to changing the term of the elected office of moderator for the town of Stoneham (House, No. 4075);

Authorizing Brian Dacey to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4148);

Authorizing Derek Clark to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4149);

Relative to the town of Lanesborough employee training (House, No. 4158);

Authorizing the town of Weston to grant an additional license for the sale of wines at a food store (House, No. 4190, amended);

Authorizing the town of Williamstown to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4192); and

Authorizing the town of Lincoln to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption program (House, No. 4262);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate Bill relative to healthy youth (Senate, No. 268),-- was read a second time.

Healthy youth.

Ms. Creem in the Chair, after remarks, pending the question on adoption of the amendment, previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2686), and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Messrs. Tarr, Moore and Collins moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting in line 23 after the word, "materials" the following:- "in person or by the use of electronic technology prior to the start of the course".

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting line 33 after the word, "year" the following:- " , provided that receipt of said policy shall be acknowledged in writing in a manner prescribed by the city, town, regional school district, vocational

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school district or charter school and returned to the city, town, regional school district, vocational school district or charter school not later than 5 days prior to commencement of any instructional program authorized by this section”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr, Moore and Collins moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting line 37 after the word, “policy” the following:- “, and shall post the policy and any subsequent amendments on the official website of the city, town, regional school district, vocational school district or charter school”.

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting in line 40 after the word, “An” the following:- “enriching”.

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting in line 46 after the word “group” the following:- “as expressly determined by the governing body of the city, town, regional school district, vocational school district or charter school based on consultation with parents and guardians, published research, and subject matter specialists”.

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting in line 59 after the word, “Framework” the following:- “Any such curriculum shall be approved by a vote at a public meeting of the governing body of the city, town, regional school district, vocational school district or charter school with proper notice provided as required under chapter 30A”.

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new draft be amended by striking the following from line 20-24 “(ii) the right of a parent or guardian to withdraw a student from all or part of the instruction; and (iii) the process for a parent or guardian to notify the school of a student’s withdrawal. The policy shall include a process for a parent or guardian, at the parent or guardian’s request, to inspect the instruction materials prior to the start of the course” and inserting in place thereof the following:-

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“(ii) the right of a parent or guardian to affirmatively through written permission include a student in all or part of the instruction, provided that no student shall be so included in the absence of such permission (iii) the process for a parent or guardian to affirmatively notify the school in writing of a student’s participation. The policy shall include a process for a parent or guardian, at the parent or guardian’s request, to inspect the instruction material in person or by the use of electronic technology prior to providing written permission for the student to participate in the course.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting after section _ the following section:-

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“SECTION_ . Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary no city, town, regional school district, vocational school district or charter school teacher or employee who feels that such sexual education curriculum violates their religious beliefs shall be required to participate in any way in the educational activity subject to this chapter.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Rodrigues moved that the proposed new draft be amended in section 2, by inserting after the word “Health”, in line 58, the following words:- “and Physical Education”;

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In said section 2, by inserting after the word “Health”, in line 78, the following words:- “and Physical Education”; and

In said section 2, by inserting after the word “Health”, in line 85, the following words:- “and Physical Education”.

The amendment was adopted.

The Ways and Means amendment, as amended, was then adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2686, amended) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed [For text of Senate bill, printed as amended, see Senate, No. 2694].

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

The House Bill modernizing firearm laws (House, No. 4139, amended),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had NON-concurred in the further Senate amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate, No. 2584, and had asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Representative Day of Stoneham, Gonzales of Springfield and McKenna of Webster have been appointed to the committee on the part of the House.

Firearms,-- law modernization.

On motion of Ms. Rausch the Senate insisted on its amendment and concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference; and Senators Creem, Lovely and Tarr were appointed on the part of the Senate.

The bill was returned to the House endorsed accordingly.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Keenan,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday 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 Former Senator Susan C. Tucker.

The Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Finegold, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of former Senator Susan C. Tucker.

Susan C. Tucker was born in Winfield, Kansas on November 7, 1944 and passed away on November 20, 2023 at the age of 79.

Senator Tucker worked as a legislative aide before serving as a state representative and state senator at a time when few women held public office, paving the way for countless others to follow in her footsteps.

She served the people of the Merrimack Valley for 20 years, including 8 years in the House of Representatives representing the town of Andover and 12 years in the Senate representing the Second Essex and Middlesex district representing the city of Lawrence and the towns of Andover, Dracut, and Tewksbury, with dedication and integrity.

Senator Tucker earned a reputation as an effective, independent and persuasive voice on behalf of children, consumers, individuals with disabilities, seniors, and people experiencing homelessness. She led the opposition in the state senate to the establishment of casinos in the commonwealth and opposed the expansion of other forms of predatory gambling.

Senator Tucker’s accomplishments as a legislator include sponsoring the law to promote a coordinated, consistent response to domestic violence; sponsoring the law to preserve affordable housing; sponsoring the law to reform mortgage lending to reduce

foreclosures; fighting to reform the registry of motor vehicles; being instrumental in revamping the human service delivery system in 2003; leading efforts to reduce auto insurance rates in urban communities by passing a law making filing fraudulent motor vehicle insurance claims a felony; establishing a new line item to fund suicide prevention efforts; spearheading legislative efforts to establish a comprehensive state-wide shaken baby prevention system; sponsoring the law to reduce the amount of mercury released into the environment; sponsoring the landmark law to allow seniors to choose their long term setting allowing the option to remain at home; and working to establish and fund a tuition and fee waiver for foster and adoptive youth.

Senator Tucker remained devoted throughout her life to her loving husband of 57 years, Mike Tucker, their two sons, Mark and David, and their 2 beautiful grandchildren, Secoya and Autumn.

The Massachusetts Senate honors the memory of former Senator Susan C. Tucker and extends its deepest appreciation for her 20 years of public service, for her remarkable record of achievements, her dedication to her family, friends, and community.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of former Senator Susan C. Tucker, at three minutes past four o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Lovely, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.