

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



**THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023**

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Thursday, March 30, 2023.

Met at nine 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.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, during consideration of the Orders of the Day, the Chair (Ms. Creem) handed the gavel to Messrs. Timilty and Keenan for the purpose of an introduction. They introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, a group of students from the Braintree Chapter of The 84. The 84 is a statewide movement of youth fighting tobacco in Massachusetts and represents the 84% of Massachusetts youth who did NOT smoke when the movement began. The students were recognized for their hard work and dedication in their fight against the tobacco and vaping industries. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber. They were also guests of Representative Cusak of Braintree.

The 84,-- Braintree Chapter.

Communication.

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Senator Paul R. Feeney (pursuant to Section 76 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) as co-chair of the Brain Injury Commission,-- was placed on file.

Brain injury commission.

Reports.

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

Report of the Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation (pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 40H of the General Laws) submitting its 2022 annual report (received March 27, 2023);

CEDAC,-- annual report. SD2535

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 Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction (received March 27, 2023); and

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD2537

Report of the Office of Community Corrections (pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 211F of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2022 annual report and Community Justice Support Centers statistical report (received March 27, 2023).

OCC,-- annual report. SD2538

Petitions.

The following petition (having been deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate prior to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 20, 2023) was referred, as follows:

Mr. Mark presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate No. 675) (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Paul W. Mark, Susannah M. Whipps, Joanne M. Comerford, John J. Cronin and other members of the General Court for legislation to create a climate bank in

Climate bank,-- establish.

Massachusetts;

**Transmitted, under the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, to the Secretary of State.**

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation to further regulate professional and occupational licensing;

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to renewable energy production technologies; and

By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John C. Velis for legislation to authorize the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to convey certain parcels of land to the city of Westfield [Local approval received];

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The following petitions, having been timely filed by 5 o'clock P.M. on January 20, 2023, were referred in concurrence as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3556) of Kathleen R. LaNatra relative to food security infrastructure grants;

**To the committee on Agriculture.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3557) of Michael J. Soter and F. Jay Barrows relative to medical cannabis research funding;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3558) of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to fines for violations of cannabis advertising regulations;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3559) of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to cannabis advertisements by out of state dispensaries; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3560) of Marcus S. Vaughn and Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to billboard advertisements for cannabis;

**Severally to the committee on Cannabis Policy.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3561) of Tackey Chan, Michelle M. DuBois and Steven Ultrino relative to the posting of information about the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline at hair salons or cosmetology schools;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3562) of Vanna Howard and Michelle M. DuBois relative to the cancellation of gym memberships;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3563) of Rita A. Mendes and Francisco E. Paulino relative to required identification for applicants for professional licensure; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3564) of Bud L. Williams relative to medical debt exclusion from creditor reports;

**Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3565) of Kip A. Diggs, Sean Garballey and others that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission establish a state athletic commission to oversee boxing, kickboxing, mixed martial arts or other unarmed combative sporting events; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3566) of Erika Uyterhoeven relative to limited liability companies;

**Severally to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.**

Licensure,--  
employment.  
SD2536  
Renewable energy,--  
technology.  
SD2539  
Westfield,-- land  
conveyance.  
SD2540

Food security,--  
infrastructure grants.

Medical cannabis,--  
research funding.

Cannabis  
advertising,-- fines.

Cannabis,--  
advertisements.

Cannabis,--  
billboards.

Hair salons,-- human  
trafficking hotline.

Gym memberships,--  
cancellation.

Licensure  
applicants,-- ID.

Medical debt,-- credit  
reports.

Combative sporting  
events,-- athletic  
commission.

Limited liability  
companies.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3567) of Natalie M. Blais and others relative to rural schools;

Rural schools.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3568) of Rob Consalvo relative to school transportation cost reimbursement for families of students with disabilities;

Students with disabilities,-- school transportation.  
Lowell,-- MSBA reimbursement.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3569) of Rodney M. Elliott that the Massachusetts School Building Authority reimburse the city of Lowell for high school renovation project construction costs;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3570) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier and others relative to reimbursing local school transportation of foster children;

Foster children,-- school transportation.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3571) of Kevin G. Honan, Chynah Tyler and others relative to creating a commercial driver's license pilot program to be administered by Madison Park Technical Vocational High School in the city of Boston;

Boston,-- commercial driver's license pilot program.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3572) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf relative to the membership of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education,-- member.  
Mental health counselors,-- schools.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3573) of Marcus S. Vaughn and others relative to establishing a grant program to increase the presence of mental health counselors in schools;

**Severally to the committee on Education.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3574) of Nicholas A. Boldyga relative to the use of a certain prescription medication used in psychotherapy and the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder;

PTSD,-- prescription medication.

**To the committee on Elder Affairs.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3575) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Conway be authorized to provide for recall elections in said town;

Conway,-- recall elections.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3576) of Mike Connolly for legislation to allow persons sixteen or seventeen years of age to vote in local elections and presidential primaries;

Elections,-- voting age.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3577) of Sean Garballey relative to uniformity of ballots in polling places;

Ballots,-- uniformity.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3578) of Meghan Kilcoyne and John J. Cronin (by vote of the town) relative to validating the results of the annual town election held in the town of Lancaster; and

Lancaster,-- town election results.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3579) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian, Daniel J. Hunt and others relative to child care for candidates for public office;

Childcare,-- candidates for public office.

**Severally to the committee on Election Laws.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 28) of Colleen M. Garry (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide sustainable water resources in the town of Tyngsborough;

Tyngsborough,-- water resources.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3580) of Rodney M. Elliott relative to certain manufactured chemicals known as PFAS;

PFAS.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3581) of Daniel J. Hunt and others relative to promoting nature-based approaches for resiliency and climate change adaptation; and

Climate change.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3582) of Kathleen R. LaNatra and Josh S. Cutler relative to water flow in the Central Plymouth County Water District;

Central Plymouth County Water District.

**Severally to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3583) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to customer reimbursement in instances of financial fraud;

Fraud,-- customer reimbursement.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3584) of Vanna Howard, David M. Rogers and others that insurance providers cover a minimum of 30 days for in-patient substance

Substance abuse treatment.

abuse treatment;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3585) of Vanna Howard and Colleen M. Garry relative to healthcare coverage for telehealth;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3586) of Jon Santiago relative to healthcare insurance coverage for maternal and pediatric health; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3587) of Alan Silvia and Paul McMurtry for legislation to ensure access to prescription medications;

**Severally to the committee on Financial Services.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3588) of Todd M. Smola for legislation to further regulate health care payments to nursing facilities;

**To the committee on Health Care Financing.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3589) of Nicholas A. Boldyga relative to the legalization of certain natural plants and fungi;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3590) of Kip A. Diggs relative to homestead protection;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3591) of Judith A. Garcia, James C. Arena-DeRosa and Samantha Montañó relative to standard procedures in probate court;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3592) of Judith A. Garcia, James C. Arena-DeRosa and Samantha Montañó relative to the availability of court interpreters;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3593) of Judith A. Garcia and Samantha Montañó relative to certified translations in court proceedings;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3594) of Judith A. Garcia and Samantha Montañó relative to jurisdiction in paternity actions;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3595) of Judith A. Garcia, James C. Arena-DeRosa and Samantha Montañó relative to court petitions for special findings in relation to certain immigrant juveniles; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3596) of Judith A. Garcia and Samantha Montañó relative to improper service of process in certain custody or legal status of children cases;

**Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3597) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf relative to protecting employees from discharges from employment except for just cause;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3598) of Samantha Montañó that the Department of Housing and Community Development establish a pilot program to demonstrate the individual, family, and community economic impacts and state-level cost savings of a universal basic income; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3599) of Erika Uyterhoeven for legislation to implement a 4 day work week;

**Severally to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3600) of Kate Donaghue and others relative to discharge from substance use disorder treatment;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3601) of David M. Rogers, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Mindy Domb for legislation to maintain a public database website for fatal and nonfatal opiate overdoses; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3602) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Smitty Pignatelli that the Department of Mental Health establish peer-run respite centers;

**Severally to the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3603) of Vanna Howard relative to requiring the construction of protective parking bollards and establishing a special commission (including members of the General Court) on improving parking and

Telehealth,--  
coverage.

Maternal and  
pediatric health,--  
coverage.  
Prescriptions,--  
access.

Nursing facilities,--  
payments.

Natural plants and  
fungi,-- legalization.

Homestead  
protection.

Probate court,--  
procedures.

Court interpreters,--  
availability.

Court proceedings,--  
translations.

Paternity actions.

Immigrant juveniles,-  
- court petitions.

Child custody,--  
process.

Employee  
protections.

Universal basic  
income,-- pilot  
program.

4 day work week.

Substance use  
disorder treatment.

Opiate overdoses,--  
data base.

Peer-run respite  
centers.

Parking and  
pedestrian safety,--  
commission.

pedestrian safety;

**To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3604) of Bruce J. Ayers that the Department of Public Health study the feasibility of incentivizing inpatient psychiatric hospitals to admit patients directly from community behavioral health centers;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3605) of Nicholas A. Boldyga that the Department of Public Health establish procedures for the granting of psilocybin facilitators licenses;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3606) of Gerard J. Cassidy and others relative to the use of the term physician;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3607) of Gerard J. Cassidy relative to the exposure of public safety officials to HIV;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3608) of Tackey Chan relative to optometrist licensure;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3609) of Tackey Chan and others relative to translated certified nurses assistant exams;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3610) of Rob Consalvo and Ruthzee Louijeune relative to commercial disposal containers for the disposal of solid waste;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3611) of Edward F. Coppinger and Brian W. Murray relative to the establishment and maintenance of blood banks, so-called;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3612) of Edward F. Coppinger and others relative to athletic trainers and athletic training;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3613) of Edward F. Coppinger for legislation to improve health care workforce development through graduate nursing practice;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3614) of Edward F. Coppinger and Adam Scanlon relative to the Parkinson's disease registry and improving outcomes for individuals with Parkinson's disease;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3615) of Edward F. Coppinger relative to the definition of health care adverse outcome disclosure, apology and early offer programs;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3616) of Manny Cruz, Chynah Tyler and others relative to the regulations governing licensed birth centers;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3617) of Mark J. Cusack relative to the joint negotiation prohibition for integrated systems in health care;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3618) of Mark J. Cusack and others relative to establishing a statewide standard prehospital care protocol related to the assessment, treatment and transport of stroke patients;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3619) of Michael S. Day for legislation to prohibit the participation of healthcare professionals in the torture and abuse of prisoners;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3620) of Vincent L. Dixon relative to nursing and health care worker staffing levels;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3621) of Vincent L. Dixon for legislation to encourage and improve the level of availability of physicians;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3622) of Marjorie C. Decker, Mindy Domb and others relative to the health impacts and costs of emissions associated with grid electricity and delivered fuels, and the benefits of energy conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3623) of Marjorie C. Decker, Hannah Kane and others relative to autopsy reports by the medical examiner;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3624) of Marjorie C. Decker and Joanne

Psychiatric hospitals,-- patient admittance.

Psilocybin facilitators,-- licenses.

Physician,-- term.

HIV exposure,-- public safety officials.

Optometrist licensure.

CNA exams.

Solid waste,-- disposal.

Blood banks.

Athletic trainers.

Health care workforce.

Parkinson's disease,-- registry.

Health care,-- adverse outcome.

Birth centers,-- regulations.

Health care,-- integrated systems.

Stroke patients,-- transportation.

Prisoner abuse,-- healthcare professionals.  
Nursing,-- staffing levels.

Physicians,-- availability.

Grid electricity,-- health impacts.

Autopsy reports.

Child autopsies.



M. Comerford relative to findings and reports of medical examiners performing autopsies on children under the age of two;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3625) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to videotaping, audiotaping and photographing persons receiving medical treatment;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3626) of Marjorie C. Decker for legislation to improve access to breastfeeding care;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3627) of Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to the use of polystyrene containers and wares by certain food and retail establishments;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3628) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to clinical laboratories;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3629) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to the administration of opioid maintenance treatment in the prescription monitoring program;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3630) of Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to establishing a maternal mortality and morbidity review committee within the Department of Public Health;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3631) of Mindy Domb relative to the diagnosis and treatment of certain infections;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3632) of Orlando Ramos relative to establishing an advisory committee (including members of the General Court) on the accessibility of fresh food retail in communities; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3633) of Andres X. Vargas relative to lead pipe safety;

**Severally to the committee on Public Health.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3634) of Rodney M. Elliott relative to further regulating the discharge of fireworks in densely populated neighborhoods;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3635) of Paul McAuliffe relative to medical parole;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3636) of Francisco E. Paulino that law enforcement agencies establish minority recruitment and selection programs;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3637) of David M. Rogers relative to state police criminal intelligence information fusion centers; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3638) of Paul A. Schmid, III for legislation to include rain sensor devices for newly installed or renovated residential outdoor landscape sprinkler systems in the building codes;

**Severally to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3639) of Peter Capano that the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board be authorized to credit Cheryl DiLisio, an employee of Nahant public schools, with certain creditable service;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3640) of Kip A. Diggs and Steven George Xiarhos for legislation to impose a surcharge on certain retirement earnings to be used for recreational opportunities;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3641) of Kip A. Diggs and Steven George Xiarhos (with the approval of the county commissioners) that Jacob M. White be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3642) of Kip A. Diggs (with the approval of the county commissioners) that Gregory S. Shopshire be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3643) of Kip A. Diggs and Steven George Xiarhos (with the approval of the county commissioners) that Matthew K. Sonnabend be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board;

Medical treatment,--  
photography.

Breastfeeding care,--  
access.

Polystyrene,-- food  
containers.

Clinical labs.

Opioid treatment,--  
program.

Maternal mortality  
and morbidity review  
committee.

Infections,--  
treatment.

Fresh food,--  
advisory committee.

Lead pipe,-- safety.

Fireworks,--  
neighborhoods.

Medical parole.

Law enforcement,--  
minority recruitment.

State police,--  
criminal intelligence.

Building codes,--  
sprinkler systems.

Cheryl DiLisio,--  
creditable service.

Retirement earnings,--  
- surcharge.

Jacob M. White,--  
creditable service.

Gregory S.  
Shopshire,--  
creditable service.

Matthew K.  
Sonnabend,--  
creditable service.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3644) of Kip A. Diggs and Steven George Xiarhos (with the approval of the county commissioners) that Jeffrey H. Jackson be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board;

Jeffrey H. Jackson,--  
creditable service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3645) of Kip A. Diggs relative to providing for creditable service for retirement purposes for Lynn Turner, a member of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System;

Lynn Turner,--  
creditable service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3646) of Peter J. Durant for legislation to authorize the Worcester Regional Retirement System to grant creditable service to Nelson Burlingame;

Nelson Burlingame,--  
creditable service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3647) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier and Paul W. Mark relative to authorizing June Tooley, an employee of Berkshire Community College, to become a member of the State Employees Retirement System;

June Tooley,-- state  
retirement.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3648) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to residency requirements for certain police officers, firefighters and fire alarm division personnel;

Public safety,--  
residency  
requirement.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3649) of Sean Garballey relative to teachers' retirement funds;

Teachers' retirement  
funds.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3650) of Vanna Howard relative to the withdrawal of local subscribers from the Group Insurance Commission;

GIC,-- local  
subscribers.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3651) of Steven S. Howitt for legislation to authorize Cynthia Falzone to purchase creditable service from the Norfolk County Retirement Board;

Cynthia Falzone,--  
creditable service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3652) of Sarah K. Peake (with the approval of the county commissioners) that Holly Thyng be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board;

Holly Thyng,--  
creditable service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3653) of Sarah K. Peake (with the approval of the county commissioners) that Christopher Arrigo be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board;

Christopher Arrigo,--  
creditable service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3654) of Sarah K. Peake (with the approval of the county commissioners) that Adrian Peters be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board;

Adrian Peters,--  
creditable service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3655) of Steven George Xiarhos (with the approval of the county commissioners) that Thomas Harmon be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board;

Thomas Harmon,--  
creditable service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3656) of Steven George Xiarhos (with the approval of the county commissioners) and Susan L. Moran that John R. Stowe, Jr. be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board; and

John R. Stowe, Jr.,--  
creditable service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3657) of Steven George Xiarhos (with the approval of the county commissioners) that Wayne A. Ellis be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board;

Wayne A. Ellis,--  
creditable service.

**Severally to the committee on Public Service.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3658) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to establishing tax credits for the adoption of cats and dogs;

Cats and dogs,-- tax  
credits.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3659) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to establishing a tax credit for users of public waterway transportation;

Waterway  
transportation,-- tax  
credits.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3660) of Mike Connolly, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf for legislation to establish a local option empty homes tax on vacant units in residential buildings;

Vacant units,-- tax.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3661) of Carol A. Doherty and others for

Senior citizens,-- tax  
exemption.



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legislation to establish a tax exemption for pension income for certain senior citizens;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3662) of Rodney M. Elliott for legislation to provide certain tax credits for the development of affordable housing or housing insecurity facilities;

Affordable housing,-- tax credits.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3663) of Vanna Howard and Michelle M. DuBois for legislation to establish tax incentives for small-scale commercial development for gateway cities;

Gateway cities,-- tax incentives.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3664) of Mathew J. Muratore and others relative to providing for a sales tax exemption for animal medication prescribed by veterinarians;

Animal medication,-- sales tax exemption.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3665) of Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) that the town of Wellfleet be authorized to establish a real estate transfer fee in said town;

Wellfleet,-- real estate transfer fee.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3666) of Michael J. Soter, Joseph D. McKenna and F. Jay Barrows for legislation to establish a high school trade partnership program and to provide tax credits for money expended for said program; and

High school,-- trade partnership program.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3667) of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to the estate tax code;

Estate,-- tax code.

**Severally to the committee on Revenue.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3668) of Bruce J. Ayers for legislation to establish a special commission to conduct an audit on all abandoned state properties and determine the feasibility of repurposing them into drug addiction treatment facilities;

Abandoned properties,-- special commission.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3669) of John Barrett, III relative to establishing a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the effectiveness of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services;

EHS effectiveness,-- special commission.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3670) of Josh S. Cutler and Carol A. Doherty relative to the timely disbursement of appropriated funds;

Funds,-- timely disbursement.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3671) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier, Mindy Domb and others relative to virtual meetings of appointed statewide public bodies; and

Public bodies,-- virtual meetings.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3672) of Meghan Kilcoyne and John J. Cronin that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey a certain parcel of state owned land in the town of Lancaster to said town;

Lancaster,-- land.

**Severally to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3673) of Jennifer Balinsky Armini and others relative to access to electric vehicle charging stations;

Electric vehicle,-- charging stations.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3674) of John Barrett, III and others relative to municipal aggregation and third-party electricity service suppliers;

3<sup>rd</sup> party electricity service suppliers.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3675) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and Christine P. Barber for legislation to establish a special commission on transportation finance for achieving net-zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2050;

Net-zero gas emissions,-- special commission.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3676) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and others relative to the provisions of the bottle bill, so-called;

Bottle bill.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3677) of Mike Connolly, Jack Patrick Lewis and others relative to establishing solar neighborhoods;

Solar neighborhoods.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3678) of Mike Connolly, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Rebecca L. Rausch relative to promoting the adoption of renewable energy for heating, cooling and hot water under the zoning law;

Heating,-- renewable energy.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3679) of Mike Connolly for legislation to establish a task force (including members of the General Court) to study and make actionable recommendations regarding public ownership of public utilities;

Public utilities,-- recommendations.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3680) of Rob Consalvo relative to the listing on utility bill of discounts available to seniors, veterans or persons with disabilities;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3681) of Edward F. Coppinger and others relative to the availability of private utility construction contracts;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3682) of Edward F. Coppinger and others relative to transparency in private utility construction contracts;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3683) of Mark J. Cusack relative to solar energy storage permit applications and inspections;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3684) of Josh S. Cutler and others for legislation to include nip bottles and certain other containers in the bottle law;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3685) of Josh S. Cutler and others relative to ensuring solar energy access;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3686) of Michael S. Day that retailers of home heating oil provide notices to customers of the availability of liability insurance coverage for certain claims arising out of releases of oil into the environment;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3687) of Michael S. Day that the Energy Facilities Siting Board consider requests of municipalities for reimbursement of application expenses;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3688) of Michael S. Day relative to the Energy Facilities Siting Board;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3689) of Marjorie C. Decker, Sean Garballey and others relative to transitioning to clean electricity, heating and transportation;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3690) of Marjorie C. Decker and others for legislation to expand the bottle bill to include any drinkable liquid intended for human oral consumption;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3691) of Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to energy assessments and energy efficiency improvements at schools and public institutions of higher education;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3692) of Daniel M. Donahue relative to the maximum storage charges on motor vehicles involuntarily towed;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3693) of William J. Driscoll, Jr., and others relative to achieving a green future with infrastructure and workforce investments;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3694) of William J. Driscoll, Jr., and others relative to the clean heat standard;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3695) of Michelle M. DuBois relative to the locating of generation facilities within one mile of certain public areas and areas of critical environmental concern;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3696) of Rodney M. Elliott relative to clean energy resources;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3697) of Rodney M. Elliott relative to renewable energy production technologies;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3698) of Kimberly N. Ferguson and others relative to tow lien reform;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3699) of Kimberly N. Ferguson and others relative to municipal light plant emergency mutual aid;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3700) of Dylan A. Fernandes relative private utility lines and poles; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3701) of Jessica Ann Giannino and others relative to the prohibition of using plastics as fuel;

Utility bill,--  
discounts.

Private utility,--  
construction  
contracts.  
Id.

Solar energy,--  
storage.

Bottle law,-- nips.

Solar energy,--  
access.

Oil release,-- liability  
insurance.

Municipalities,--  
application expenses.

Energy Facilities  
Siting Board.

Clean electricity.

Bottle bill,--  
expansion.

Higher education,--  
energy assessments.

Towed vehicles,--  
storage charges.

Green future,--  
investments.

Clean heat standard.

Generation facilities,-  
- locations.

Clean energy  
resources.

Renewable energy,--  
production.

Tow,-- lien reform.

Municipal light  
plant,-- emergency  
aid.  
Private utility lines.

Plastics as fuel,--  
prohibit.

**Severally to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3702) of Jennifer Balinsky Armini and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to the operation of bicycles and motor vehicles at certain intersections;

Bicycles and motor vehicles,-- intersections.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3703) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to establishing a special commission on public waterway transportation;

Public waterway transportation.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3704) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) that the town of Lexington be authorized to finance expanded transit services;

Lexington,-- transit services.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3705) of Kip A. Diggs that the Division of Highways establish a highway wildflower program to promote the establishment and flowering of native flowering plants and pollinator habitats;

Highway wildflower program.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3706) of Rodney M. Elliott for legislation to authorize cities and towns to establish height and weight restrictions for motor vehicles on roadways within 500 yards of quarries or gravel pits;

Motor vehicles,-- quarry restrictions.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3707) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf relative to applications for certificates of title at the Registry of Motor Vehicles for surviving spouses and next of kin of deceased person; and

RMV,-- title certificates.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3708) of Orlando Ramos relative to odometer readings documented incorrectly in the certificates of title of certain antique motor vehicles;

Antique vehicles,-- odometer readings.

**Severally to the committee on Transportation.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3709) of Shirley B. Arriaga for legislation to provide for the appointment of full-time veterans' agents or directors of veterans' services in certain cities and towns;

Veterans' agents,-- cities and towns.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3710) of Shirley B. Arriaga for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) on women veterans and the long-term effects of combat on motherhood; and

Women veterans,-- effects of combat.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3711) of Shirley B. Arriaga for legislation to establish the women veterans' network in the Department of Veterans' Services;

Dept of Veterans' Services,-- women.

**Severally to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.**

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Crighton) "congratulating Craig Stone for his 50 years of dedicated service to the Lynnfield Public School District as a coach and educator";

Craig Stone.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Feeney) "congratulating William G. Keegan, Jr. on his retirement after 40 years of dedicated public service";

William G. Keegan, Jr.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rodrigues) "commending the Sippican Pomona Grange #31 in the town of Rochester on the one hundredth anniversary of its establishment"; and

Sippican Pomona Grange #31.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rush) "congratulating Edith Noyes on her one hundredth birthday."

Edith Noyes.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3712) of Tackey Chan and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kathleen Donnellan, an employee of the Norfolk Superior Court;

Kathleen Donnellan,-- sick leave.

**Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3713) of Kate Donaghue for legislation to

Hollie Barter,--

establish a sick leave bank for Hollie Barter, an employee of the Department of Children and Families;

sick leave.

**Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

A Bill directing the City of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Wilfrid Decossa (House, No. 2520,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Boston,-- Wilfrid Decossa.

**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 directing the Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Wilfrid Decossa."**

*Orders of the Day.*

There being no objection, the following matters were taken out of order and considered as follows:

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Christopher Trigilio, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (Senate, No. 1105) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time.

Christopher Trigilio,-  
- sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Oliveira moved to amend the bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:-

*"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the trial court of the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."*

**The amendment was adopted.**

**The bill (Senate, No. 1105, amended) was then passed to be engrossed. [For text of Senate bill, printed as amended, see Senate, No. 2376].**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Meredith Mingoelli-Cotter, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (Senate, No. 2372) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time.

Meredith Mingoelli-Cotter,-- sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Kennedy moved to amend the bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:-

*"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the trial court of the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."*

**The amendment was adopted.**

**The bill (Senate, No. 2372, amended) was then passed to be engrossed. [For text of Senate bill, printed as amended, see Senate, No. 2377].**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

*Recess.*

There being no objection, at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at a half past twelve o'clock noon, the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

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*Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill directing the Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Wilfrid Decossa (see House, No. 2520) (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. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

*Emergency Preamble Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Meredith Mingoelli-Cotter, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2377), 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.

Meredith Mingoelli-Cotter,-- sick leave.

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

*Orders of the Day.*

The Orders of the Day were considered as follows:

The House Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 3547),-- was read a second time.

*Remarks of Senator Paul W. Mark.*

Great to play to a packed audience. Awesome to be here. It's a great honor to be elected to the Senate and to have the opportunity to make a first speech here today. I came to the Senate from the House of Representatives where I served for six terms and I want to mention that, while I was in the House, yes I spoke on the floor, but I actually never gave a ceremonial first speech. So, you may be asking how did that happen, how did that come about? I was an early newer Representative and a classmate of mine who later became the Chair of the Republican party, was making what I would call an incendiary speech that I found offensive. And in respect to what I was hearing and my desire to want to say something about it, I stood up abruptly and said Madam Speaker, I'd like to be heard, and I launched into a tirade against him, against his amendment, and when I finished I said I hope the amendment is not adopted, and the amendment was not adopted, and I sat down, and my former classmate now the Mayor of Melrose started slow clapping. He said, you know buddy you just gave your first speech, no ceremony, nothing. But it was preferable to me because it was a speech about something that I felt very passionate about and instead of being ceremonial I took the opportunity to say something and make sure that what I cared about was happened and was respected.

Remarks of Senator Paul W. Mark.

So because I never had the chance to give that ceremonial first speech on the House side I want to say thank you to the people that for twelve years elected me to the House of Representatives, the people that took a chance on a 31 year old who had never been elected to public office before, you rolled the dice, and I hope that dice roll paid dividends, I hope your investment paid off and it was a great honor to serve you. And I also want to thank the people of the 57 cities and towns of the Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire district, and those towns in alphabetical order are Adams, Alford...no, I'm kidding. I want to thank the people for taking another chance and electing me to serve a district that has



57 communities in all 4 western counties, that is actually bigger than the state of Rhode Island. And all of us elected here, we all actually represent about the same number of people, within 5% of each other at the most. So how does some of us have neighborhoods of a city, how does some of us have 4 or 5 towns, and how does one of us have a district that is twice as big as any other senate district in the state, the largest legislative district in the history of this commonwealth. Because 54 of the towns have a population of less than 10,000 people and about 40 of them actually have a population of less than 5,000, and many of these communities can have as few as less than 1,000 people, and some have even fewer than 500 people. So from Pittsfield 41,000, to the city of North Adams about 11,000 people, to the smallest city in our commonwealth down to the tiny towns of Mt. Washington and Monroe which both have populations of less than 150 people, we have a very tough time having our voice heard and making our ends meet. So when you live in a town of 150 people, that means for property taxes, there might be 40 households that are paying it. So we are extremely reliant on every penny that we get from the state. A lot of the land is taken up in our small communities because it is state owned, it is not available to be developed, and we love being the stewards of that land for the rest of the Commonwealth, but in order for us to make that work in the smallest communities, sometimes we need help. And so I really appreciate that in this bill today that we are taking up there is going to be an inclusion of \$25M that is intended to be directed towards these smallest communities.

When you ask, how did it happen, how did we get the attention for these really small towns, I have to thank a couple of my colleagues for being involved. First of all, all of my colleagues in Western Massachusetts, all of my colleagues that are members of the Rural Caucus, always work together to make sure that these smallest towns have their voices heard and are treated as the equal to any other municipality in the state. But specifically, I want to name three people. The Chair of Transportation, the Chair of Ways and Means, and the President of our Senate. The three of them have spent time coming to western Massachusetts, coming to my district, already only in my third month in office, and hearing the concerns of the people. The Senate President visited Northern Berkshire County last week, she sat with the Mayor of North Adams, she listened to what was unique in our area, and it hit home. The Chair of Ways and Means sat through a question and answer period in the town of Lenox where about 50 town officials from all over my district came, from Berkshire, Hampshire and Hampden counties. And specifically, what I heard resonated with him was, commentary from the towns of Becket, Goshen, the Town of Washington and the town of Mt. Washington. Have you heard of these towns before? If not, they are extremely small and they made this pitch that we have circumstances that just are not the same as the great bulk of the population of the state of Massachusetts. And the Chair of Transportation has been to my district, has sat with rural leaders and has listened about how can we make a difference in the smallest towns.

As Vice Chair of that Committee, I am greatly honored to see this happening today. Because nothing in the Legislature happens by yourself. Coming from the House, and now spending this time in the Senate, none of us accomplish anything on our own. None of us are that great at speaking or thinking up stuff. It happens because we're part of a team who work together and collaborate together. So I am grateful to be now a member of this Chamber where the opportunity to collaborate is so much greater than it can be in the House. Because the numbers are so fewer, the chance to build one on one relationships is so amazing and already so productive.

I want to thank my members of my first term class, specifically the five of us, the Fab Five Freshmen. You've been amazing people to grow and learn with and collaborate together and I look forward to that continuing as we become part of this Team and we work this Team to make sure that every community in this state is winning.

So I'm happy to be here, I'm honored to speak, I thank you all and I hope the bill is adopted.

**Ms. Creem in the Chair, on motion of Ms. Comerford, the above remarks were ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.**

Ordered printed.

After remarks, pending the question on adoption of the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2375, and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Messrs. Keenan and Timilty moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2, by inserting, in line 22, after the word "department" the following words:- " ; provided, however, that the funds shall be used for a \$300,000,000 annual appropriation"; and, in said section 2, by striking out, in line 22, the figure "\$200,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "\$600,000,000"; and, in section 10, by striking out, in line 56, the figure "\$225,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "\$625,000,000".

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After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section 6 the following:-

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"SECTION 6A. Said item 6921-2112 of said section 2I of said chapter 383 is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following: - ' ; provided, that funds shall be made available for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation BusPlus Program commuter bus service connecting the town of Fairhaven, the city of New Bedford, the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, the city of Taunton, and the city of Boston beginning April 15, 2023 until such time that commuter rail services commence in the city of New Bedford'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Timilty moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section 2 the following:-

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"SECTION 2A. To provide for upgrades to the signals along route 28 in the town of Milton located at the intersection of route 28 and Hillside street and the intersection at route 28 and Reed street; and to provide for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of route 28 and Ridgewood road, and for the installation of traffic signal at the intersection of route 28 and Sassamon road ..... \$800,000"; and in said section 2, by striking out, in line 22, the figure "\$200,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "200,800,000".

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

The Ways and Means amendment was then adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading and read a third time.

The question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at ten minutes past one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Crighton, as follows, to wit (yeas 40 – nays 0) [**Yeas and Nays No. 16**].

**YEAS.**

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| Barrett, Michael J.      | Kennedy, Edward J. |
| Brady, Michael D.        | Kennedy, Robyn K.  |
| Brownsberger, William N. | Lewis, Jason M.    |
| Collins, Nick            | Lovely, Joan B.    |
| Comerford, Joanne M.     | Mark, Paul W.      |
| Creem, Cynthia Stone     | Miranda, Liz       |
| Crighton, Brendan P.     | Montigny, Mark C.  |
| Cronin, John J.          | Moore, Michael O.  |
| Cyr, Julian              | Moran, Susan L.    |

DiDomenico, Sal N.  
Edwards, Lydia  
Eldridge, James B.  
Fattman, Ryan C.  
Feeney, Paul R.  
Finegold, Barry R.  
Friedman, Cindy F.  
Gobi, Anne M.  
Gomez, Adam  
Jehlen, Patricia D.  
Keenan, John F.

O'Connor, Patrick M.  
Oliveira, Jacob R.  
Pacheco, Marc R.  
Payano, Pavel M.  
Rausch, Rebecca L.  
Rodrigues, Michael J.  
Rush, Michael F.  
Spilka, Karen E.  
Tarr, Bruce E.  
Timilty, Walter F.  
Velis, John C. – 40.

NAYS – 0.

**The yeas and nays having been completed at a quarter past one o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment. Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.**

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*Engrossed Bill.*

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Bill laid before the Governor.

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Mr. Fattman, the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of the nine members of the United States Army who lost their lives when two Black Hawk helicopters collided over Fort Campbell in Kentucky.

Moment of silence.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Pacheco,--  
*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.

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Creem), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Michael Gruenbaum.

Moment of silence.

*Adjournment in Memory of Michael Gruenbaum.*

The Senator from Norfolk and Middlesex, Ms. Creem, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it shall adjourn in memory of Michael Gruenbaum of Brookline, who passed away on March 8th, 2023 at the age of 92.

Michael was born Misa Gruenbaum in Prague, Czechoslovakia on August 23, 1930.

His father, Karl, enjoyed a successful legal career. Suddenly, with the German occupation of Czechoslovakia in March 1939, the family's comfortable life ended. The Nazis confiscated their valuables and forced the family into a crowded ghetto, amid disease, starvation and deprivation. There, his father was arrested and murdered in 1941.

Just one year later, Michael was sent to Theresienstadt, also known as the Terezin concentration camp, with his mother, Margaret, and sister, Marietta. Despite the horrors behind the scenes, Terezin was a 'model' camp, famously used by the Nazis for propaganda purposes, including staged music and art performances for visiting Red Cross and dignitaries, between mass deportations to death camps. Fifteen thousand children passed through Terezin. They painted pictures, wrote poetry, and otherwise tried to maintain a vestige of normalcy, while about 90 percent of these children perished in killing centers. However, Michael and his family were spared because Margaret, a talented artist, bartered her skills for protection from transport to the Auschwitz extermination camp.

After liberation, Michael moved with his mother and sister to Paris and Cuba. In Havana, he attended an American high school, and received a BS in civil engineering at MIT and an MA in urban planning from Yale. Michael met his wife, Thelma, while working in Chicago after MIT. They moved to Brookline in 1956, where they raised three sons, and resided for over 60 years.

Michael only began speaking about his Holocaust tribulations in his 80's, after a successful career with the Boston Redevelopment Authority, the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, and the Bruce Campbell consulting firm. He dedicated this time to educating children about the Holocaust, visiting schools, publishing a book, and narrating a short film animated by his grandson, Benjamin, used in many classrooms today. Michael was passionate about preserving the memory of Terezin Concentration Camp, and he was active in the Terezin Music Foundation.

With the recent rise in anti-Semitism, it became additionally important to Michael to share his story with the next generation, to teach the dangers of such hatred and how it can grow. Through this work, he committed his final years to ensuring that we never forget the horrors of the Holocaust and remain vigilant in combatting hatred in all forms.

Michael is survived by three sons, David, Peter, and Leon, and four grandchildren. His late wife, Thelma, passed away in 2005. He will be missed dearly by the Brookline community and all who knew him.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Michael Gruenbaum, at twenty-six minutes past one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Brady, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.