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Monday, March 21, 2005.

Met at three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Chandler 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 (Ms. Chandler), members, guests and employees then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Communication.

A communication from the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing submitting its rules of procedure for the 2005-2006 legislative session (received Tuesday, March 15, 2005),— **was placed on file.**

Report.

A report of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (pursuant to Section 6. (i) of Chapter 193 of the Acts of 2004) submitting its report on construction contract and subcontract awards to Minority-Owned Business Enterprises and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (received Tuesday, March 15, 2005),— **was placed on file.**

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the appointment of Timothy Pacheco as a firefighter in the town of Arlington (House, No. 33,— on petition) [Local approval received],— **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McGee) “in recognition of the athletic trainers of Massachusetts”; and
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tolman) “congratulating Benjamin Moriarty Oven upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill to permit the town of Arlington to transfer certain funds (House, No. 34,— on petition),— was read.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Moore, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

A Bill relative to the minimum age for appointment as a police officer (House, No. 1722, amended,— on House, No. 1448),— was read.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Knapik, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Recess.

There being no objection, at twenty-eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Chair (Ms. Chandler) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at three minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the Senate reassembled, Ms. Chandler in the Chair.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill relative to the minimum age for appointment as a police officer (see House, No. 1722, 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 and sent to the House for enactment.

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (both 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 and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Authorizing the town of Arlington to transfer certain funds (see House, No. 34); and
Relative to the minimum age for appointment as a police officer (see House, No. 1722, amended).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hedlund,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Adjournment in Memory of Rosaire J. "Ross" Rajotte of Northbridge.

The Senator from Worcester and Norfolk, Mr. Moore, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so as a mark of respect to the memory of Rosaire J. "Ross" Rajotte of Northbridge, who died this weekend at age 85.

Mr. Rajotte who was very active in local and state politics, filed over 700 bills, covering a vast range of subjects, either by petition or through his local Representative and Senator in the state legislature and many of these became law. He accumulated an encyclopedic knowledge of town history and politics; and he earned the thanks, the respect, and the affection of his town. *Yankee Magazine* named Mr. Rajotte "Massachusetts' Most Committed Citizen" in 1992.

In his youth during the "Great Depression," Mr. Rajotte joined the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1937, working for 2 years in Pittsfield, Warwick and the forests of Franklin County in western Massachusetts. He joined the Massachusetts Army National Guard's 181st Infantry Regiment of the highly decorated 26th (Yankee) Infantry Division. Wounded three times, he emerged from World War II with a Bronze Star Medal, 3 Purple Heart Medals, a Presidential Unit Citation, the American Campaign Medal, the Europe-Africa-Middle East Campaign Medal, the Victory Medal, and an abiding knowledge that he had shed his blood for the greatest nation with the greatest people in the world.

When he returned home after World War II, Mr. Rajotte involved himself in what became his lifelong effort to better the lives of his fellow citizens of Northbridge. He wanted to make a difference, and he succeeded. He became involved in town government; he served at various times as a selectman, a member of the board of appeals, a fence viewer, and a notary public. For over 50 years, he never missed a town meeting.

Despite his heavy involvement in local affairs, Ross remained a family man. He leaves his wife of 37 years, Barbara E. (Benedict) Rajotte; a daughter, Evelyn Rodriguez of Worcester; a son, Homer Rajotte of Northbridge; two brothers, Roland Rajotte of Sutton and Ronald Rajotte of Worcester; four sisters: Bertha Dumas of Upton, Shirley Noel and Gladys Kaminski, both of Northbridge, and Gloria Cournoyer of Whitinsville; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; nephews and nieces.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Rosaire J. "Ross" Rajotte, at ten minutes past twelve o'clock P.M. on motion of Mr. Moore, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.