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Monday, April 4, 2005.

Met at four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Barrios in the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. Barrios), members, guests and employees then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Petition.

Mr. Morrissey presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2033) of Michael W. Morrissey, A. Stephen Tobin, Ronald Mariano and Bruce J. Ayers (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize part-time employment at Quincy College by city councilors of the city of Quincy [Local approval received],— **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Public Service.**
Sent to the House for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Shannon, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Edward M. Augustus, Jr., Anthony W. Petruccelli, Demetrius J. Atsalis, James B. Leary and other members of the General Court for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to authorize the General Court to provide for absentee voting by any voter.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Knapik, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by proposal) was referred to the committee on Election Laws.
Sent to the House for concurrence.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brown) “congratulating the town of Plainville on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hedlund) “honoring Jim Gillis”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Montigny) “recognizing May 15 to 21, 2005, as Multiple Sclerosis Week”;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Nuciforo, Brown, Pacheco and Rosenberg) “commending the Republic of China, Taiwan on its contributions to promote world health”;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Nuciforo, Brown, Pacheco and Rosenberg) “supporting a Taiwan-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (TUFTA)”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “celebrating Quota International.”

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Knapik,—

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 Pope John Paul II.

The Senator from Hampden and Hampshire, Mr. Knapik moved that when Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Pope John Paul II. Pope John Paul II died on Saturday, April 2 at age 84, ending one of the most influential papacies in the 2,000-year history of the Catholic Church. Born, Karol Wojtyla in Poland in 1918, ordained a priest in 1946, and chosen by the College of Cardinals to lead the Roman Catholic Church in 1978. John Paul II was the first Polish pope and also the first non-Italian pope since Pope Adrian VI in 1522. Pope John Paul II served for more than 26 years and was the most traveled pope visiting more than 120 countries during his stewardship of the Catholic Church. During his first tour of the United States in 1979, which began in Boston, Pope John Paul II was the first pope ever to set foot in the White House, meeting with President Jimmy Carter.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Pope John II, at ten minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Knapik, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M.