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Thursday, April 2, 2009.

Met according to adjournment (Mr. Rosenberg in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

The Senator from Middlesex and Essex, Mr. Tisei, led the Chair (Mr. Rosenberg), members, guests and employees in the recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House announcing the following appointment:

That the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives has (under Section 33 of Chapter 215 of the Acts of 2008) appointed Ms. Victoria L. Griffin, the Early Childhood Coordinator at the RISE Preschool in the town of Reading, to serve as a member of the State Advisory Council on Early Education and Care.

Communication.

The Clerk read the following communication:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

William Welch, *Senate Clerk*
Room 335
State House
Boston, MA

Dear Mr. Clerk:

On March 31, 2009, I was absent from the Senate Chamber during the roll call vote on Senator Tisei's proposed amendment to S. 2025, Clerk Amendment #3 *Eliminating Windfall Provisions*. I was meeting with a delegation of leaders from the All-China Students' Federation, in another part of the State House. The delegation was visiting the United States as part of an exchange program sponsored by the Ivy Council – a student government body comprised of student government leaders from the colleges and universities of the Ivy League. Had I been present, I would have voted in the negative on Clerk Amendment #3 to S. 2025.

I respectfully request that a copy of this letter be printed in the Senate Journal as part of the official record for Tuesday, March 31, 2009. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely
BRIAN A. JOYCE
State Senator

On motion of Mr. Richard T. Moore, the above communication was ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Petition.

On motion of Mr. Tisei, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended on the petition, presented by Mr. Rosenberg (accompanied by resolve) of Stanley C. Rosenberg and Paul J. Donato that provision be made to revive and continue the special commission relative to municipal relief,— **and the same was referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tisei,—

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.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Rosenberg) the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Louise Kelley Williamson.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill relative to the town clerk of the town of Weston (see House, No. 3472) (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. Rosenberg) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Report of Committees.

By Mr. Berry, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, a Resolve reviving and continuing the special commission relative to municipal relief (Senate, No. 2027).

The resolve was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Richard T. Moore, and the resolve was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.
Sent to the House for concurrence.

Adjournment in Memory of Louise Kelley Williamson

The Senator from Plymouth and Barnstable, Ms. Murray, requested that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Pocasset resident Louise Kelley Williamson, who passed away Friday, March 26, 2009, following a lengthy illness.

Born in 1922, Mrs. Williamson lived through some of the most memorable events in history. Mrs. Williamson was 20 years old the night of the infamous Cocoanut Grove night club fire in which 490 people died. Mrs. Williamson was on duty that evening at the Boston City Hospital, where she was in charge of intravenous fluids for more than 200 survivors of the disaster.

Graduating from Notre Dame Academy in Boston, Mrs. Williamson later attended Emmanuel College and the Children's Hospital School of Nursing in Boston. She then married Nicholas Williamson of Cambridge, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduate, Class of 1945, and moved to Nutley, N.J., where she focused on raising their three children.

Living in Pocasset on Cape Cod for more than 30 years, Mrs. Williams was public relations director for the Plymouth Bay Girl Scouts Council and a Girl Scout leader for many years. In 1985, at the age of 70, she graduated from the College of Public and Community Service at the University of Massachusetts Boston, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services. Mrs. Williamson worked into her 80s performing foster care reviews for the Commonwealth on the Cape and Islands.

Mrs. Williamson is survived by two daughters, former state Rep. Ruth Provost of Sandwich and Louise Williamson Lindsey and her husband Michael of Sandwich; and three grandchildren, Julie Brooks of Brooklyn, New York, Damen Provost of Manhattan Beach, California, and Travis Provost of Amherst. Mrs. Williamson's son, Nicholas Jr., passed away in 1978. Her husband, Nicholas, passed in 1985.

Our hearts and prayers are with the family of Louise Kelley Williamson.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Louise Kelley Williamson, at twenty-five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Tisei, the Senate adjourned to meet again Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.