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*Monday, November 29, 2010.*

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Timilty 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. Timilty), members, guests and employees then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

#### *Communication.*

A communication from the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (under Section 3B of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting notice of the Secretary's intention to establish a licensing fee for saltwater fishing permits (received Friday, November 26, 2010),-- **was placed on file.**

#### **PAPER FROM THE HOUSE**

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5088) of John V. Fernandes and Richard T. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to the establishment of certain employee contracts for the town of Milford,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

#### *Resolutions.*

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-  
Resolutions (filed by Ms. Creem) "honoring Nancy K. Kaufman, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston."

#### *Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.*

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered, as follows:

The House Bill establishing a special account for the town of Billerica Water Conservation Fund (House, No. 1918),-- **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 authorizing the town of Billerica to establish a Billerica water conservation fund".**

#### *Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. Panagiotakos, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Laraine Nasif, an employee of the Department of Revenue (House, No. 4362),-- **ought to pass.**

**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.**

## **PAPER FROM THE HOUSE**

### *Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Rehoboth to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4847) (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. Timilty) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

### *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 Kevin McNicholas, Dean of the State House Press Corp*

The Senator from Worcester and Norfolk, Mr. Richard T. Moore, moves that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Kevin McNicholas, Dean of the State House Press Corps.

An observer of every governor and legislator since the Sargent Administration, Mr. McNicholas worked as a contract reporter for stations across Massachusetts. He also covered 11 national political conventions, the courts, Boston City Hall, the school busing crisis, and the 1976 Tall Ships visit.

He was known for his pleasant demeanor yet penetrating questions — a skill remarked on not just by politicians but also the oncologist who treated him since his diagnosis in September with an aggressive form of bladder cancer.

A resident of Boston, Mr. McNicholas grew up in Wakefield after he and his sister were adopted by a restaurant manager and a schoolteacher. He attended Northeastern University and was slated to graduate in 1973 when he found he was lacking a required English course. It meant he missed the pomp and circumstance of the usual graduation ceremonies.

Mr. McNicholas broke into reporting through a Northeastern co-op stint at WHDH-TV. After working as a news writer and assignment editor, he decided his physical features were better suited for radio and started working at the State House with a boost from longtime columnist Wendell Woodman.

His career took him across the gubernatorial spectrum, covering Democrats such as Michael Dukakis and Republicans William F. Weld and Mitt Romney. On the national front, he recalled covering the 1976 political conventions in New York City and Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. McNicholas, 61, died November 25, 2010 at Massachusetts General Hospital. He leaves his sister, Ann Duffy of Wakefield, and her husband and their two children.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Kevin McNicholas, at seven 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.