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Tuesday, January 18, 2011.

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

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

Communication.

A communication from Joseph E. Connarton, Executive Director of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC), announcing (pursuant to Section 21(3)(f) of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) cost of living adjustments for retirees and beneficiaries,-- **was placed on file.**

Orders.

Mr. Berry presented the following orders:

Order relative to the joint rules of the Senate and House of Representatives for the years 2011-2012 (Senate, No. 6); and

Order relative to the rules of the Senate for the years 2011-2012 (Senate, No. 7);

Severally, under an order previously adopted by the Senate, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session, the question, in each instance, being on adoption.

Resolutions

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Baddour) "recognizing Chief Probation Officer William J. "Bucko" Moynihan on the occasion of his retirement";

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Murray) "recognizing congratulating the Boys and Girls Club of Plymouth, Inc. on their one hundredth anniversary";

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Ross and Timilty) "congratulating the Community Visiting Nurse Agency, Inc. on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary"; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka and Mr. Ross) "congratulating the Honorable Paul Healy Jr. on the occasion of his retirement."

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Ross,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in a formal session.

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 Ronald D. Koontz of Amesbury.

Adjournment in Memory of Ronald D. Koontz

The Senator from Essex, Mr. Baddour, requested that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Ronald D. Koontz of Amesbury.

Ronald D. Koontz of Amesbury passed away January 12, 2011. A Vietnam War veteran, Mr. Koontz served in the infantry from 1967 to 1969. He spent four months in Vietnam before he was wounded in a rocket attack and lost the right part of his jaw. He received a Purple Heart.

Mr. Koontz was hired as Amesbury's Veterans Services Director by then-Mayor Nick Costello to work with local veterans. Mr. Koontz was a fixture at Amesbury events and programs honoring veterans throughout the area. In 2005, Mr. Koontz coordinated the large-scale initiative of bringing the Moving Wall — a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. — to Amesbury. He also helped start the annual Support the Troops Christmas dinner — a tradition that has grown to draw 150 to 175 military families, veterans and local and state dignitaries. Mr. Koontz is also credited for leading the efforts to restore Amesbury's war memorials and involving schoolchildren in planting flags on Memorial and Veterans days.

After 15 years with the Town of Amesbury, Mr. Koontz was hired as a program coordinator for the Commonwealth's Department of Veterans' Services, conducting outreach with newly returning Iraq war veterans. Mr. Koontz traveled across the state to meet with veterans in an effort to educate them about what options they have available to them, and discuss post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Ronald D. Koontz, at seven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Ross, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.