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Thursday, January 5, 2012.

Met at two minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Baddour 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. Baddour), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Communication.

A communication from the Honorable Therese Murray, President of the Senate, announcing (pursuant to Section 68 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) the withdrawal of Matinol Chan and the appointments of Vesna Nuon and Dr. Om Ganda to the Commission on the status of citizens of Asian descent,-- **was placed on file.**

Reports of Committee.

By Mr. McGee, for the committee on Transportation, on petition, a Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to acquire certain parcels of land in the city of Worcester (Senate, No. 2029);
Read and, under Senate Rule 26C, referred to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Committees Discharged

Mr. Berry, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to labor and workforce (Senate, No. 2100),-- **and recommending that the same be referred to the Senate committee on Ethics and Rules.**
Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.

Matters 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 authorizing the town of Bolton to grant a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3497),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Report of a Committee.

Mr. Berry, for the committee on Ethics and Rules, reported, that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House Bill relative to a Cable PEG Access Enterprise Fund (House, No. 1451).

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Richard T. Moore presented an amendment striking out

all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2102; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act relative to Cable Franchise Funds".

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill authorizing a ballot question in the town of Arlington relative to the granting of additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 3648) (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. Baddour) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the city of Quincy to abate certain fiscal year 2010 real property taxes (see House, No. 3447),-- **came from the House, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:**

"Whereas, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to abate forthwith certain fiscal year 2010 real property taxes in the city of Quincy, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the House amendment was adopted, in concurrence (as corrected BTR).

Emergency Preamble Adopted; Engrossed Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the city of Quincy to abate certain fiscal year 2010 real property taxes (see House, No. 3447, 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 2 to 0.**

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Baddour) and sent to the House for enactment.

Subsequently, the bill, which originated in the House, came from the House with the endorsement that it had been enacted in that branch.

The Senate then passed the bill to be enacted; and it was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Baddour) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday 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 Saide (Khater) Kassas

The Senator from Essex, Mr. Baddour, and the Senator from First Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Saide (Khater) Kassas.

Born on January 1, 1923 in the village of Jdeita, Lebanon, Saide was the second-youngest of Najem and Khozaei Khater's eight children. Shortly after the end of World War II, Saide married Ibrahim Kassas and they had 4 children: Affaf, Dalal, Antoine and George.

Saide and her late husband worked very hard under difficult circumstances to raise their children and provide for them the best education possible. She helped her husband run the small family gas station, which they took turns running twenty-four hours per-day, while the children grew up in a small, two-room apartment attached to the station.

In the summer of 1978, Ibrahim lost his life during the civil war in Lebanon. Saide decided then to join her children who had left Lebanon for the United States and Venezuela. She split her time between the two countries. She helped all of her children grow, prosper and establish their own families. She became the Matriarch to a family that includes her four children, thirteen grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. She always insisted to help raise every grandchild and instill in each her faith, grace, love and respect for others.

She dedicated her entire life to a very simple yet most powerful mission in life: To be the best mother she could be. She never failed the test of motherhood, sacrifice and giving beyond self.

Her passing leaves an immense void as she will be dearly missed by everyone who knew Saide. Her legacy will be faithfully carried by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family and friends, so that her faith and love will live on. Saide was truly a selfless, giving mother.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Saide (Khater) Kassas, at thirteen minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.