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Thursday, January 2, 2014.

Met at six minutes past one o'clock P.M.

The President, members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Communication.

The following communication was placed on file:

A communication from the Honorable Therese Murray, President of the Senate, announcing changes to certain joint standing committees as follows:

Senator William M. Brownsberger – Chair, Joint Committee on the Judiciary
Senator William M. Brownsberger – Acting Chair, Joint Committee on Public Service.

Reports.

The following reports were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Report of the Department of Public Utilities (pursuant to Section 44 of Chapter 209 of the Acts of 2012) relative to competitively priced electricity in the Commonwealth (received Tuesday, December 31, 2013); and

Report of the Department of Public Utilities (pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 25 of the General Laws) submitting its 2012 Annual Report (received Tuesday, December 31, 2013).

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3829) of Denise C. Garlick (by vote of the town) that the town of Needham be authorized to issue additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premise,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.**

A Bill authorizing the city of Beverly to issue additional liquor licenses (House, No. 3739,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Committee to Inform the House.

Pursuant to an order previously adopted, the following Senate members are appointed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate is prepared to do business in 2014

Senators McGee, Forry, Downing, Pacheco and Humason were appointed the committee.

Subsequently, Mr. McGee, for the committee, reported that it had attended to its duty. The committee was discharged.

Committee of the House.

The President welcomed a committee of the House of Representatives that arrived to declare that the House of Representatives is now assembled and ready to proceed to business.

Committee to Inform the Governor.

Pursuant to an order previously adopted, the following Senate members are appointed to inform His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council that the Senate is prepared to do business in 2014.

The President then appointed Senators Richard T. Moore, Donoghue, Brownsberger and Ross to said committee on the part of the Senate.

Notice was received from the House that Representatives Reinstein of Revere, Rushing of Boston, Chan of Quincy, McMurtry of Dedham, Peisch of Wellesley, Bradley of Hingham, Cusack of Braintree, Donato of Medford, Schmid of Westport, Moran of Boston, Jones of North Reading, Walsh of Lynn, Malia of Boston, Matewsky of Everett and Lawn of Watertown were appointed the committee on the part of the House.

Subsequently, Mr. Richard T. Moore, for the committee, reported that it had attended to its duty. The committee was discharged.

Petition.

On motion of Mr. Rodrigues, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended on the petition, presented by Mr. Rodrigues (accompanied by bill) of Michael J. Rodrigues, Alan Silvia, Paul A. Schmid, III, Patricia A. Haddad and others for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Maria A. DeCoste, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Public Service.**
Sent to the House for concurrence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Forry,--

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 President the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Ann M. McGee.

Adjournment in Memory of Ann M. McGee

The Senator from Essex, Mr. McGee moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so as a mark of respect to the memory of his mother, Mrs. Ann M. McGee.

Mrs. Ann M. McGee, of Danvers, formerly of Lynn, died peacefully surrounded by her family on December 6, 2013, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. She was the former wife of the late Honorable Thomas W. McGee, former Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Ann was born in Everett, and was the daughter of the late Anthony and Josephine Sorrenti. She was a resident of Lynn for most of her life, before moving to Danvers three years ago. She was a graduate of Everett High School, Class of 1943. After her children were grown, she returned to work at Vogue Apparel and later Brooks Brothers, and loved nothing more than to share her keen sense of style with a neophyte.

Ann's true devotion was raising her family. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and attending the kid's games and different events and activities. Ann loved entertaining, was an excellent cook, and you could be assured that there was a pot of sauce, or a soup simmering on the stove.

She read the newspaper daily and loved to comment on current affairs, and her political insights were more astute than the Gallup poll - any politician that managed to get her approval was well on the way to victory. She was elegant, generous and loving, and fought valiantly against the indignities of Parkinson's to maintain her unique style and grace.

She was the devoted mother of State Senator Thomas M. McGee and his wife, Maria, of Lynn, Shawn P. McGee and his wife, Sheryl, of Georgetown, Colleen McGee Kavanaugh and her husband, Gerry Kavanaugh of New Bedford and Alexandria, Virginia, and her devoted son and caregiver, Michael McGee of Danvers; loving grandmother of 8 grandchildren and doting great-grandmother of 6; as well as dear sister of the late Josephine Sorrenti, Annette "Bebe" DeLuca, Anthony Sorrenti, Lillian Porcaro, Thomas, Frank and John Sorrenti, and Mary Wood. Ann was also loved by several nieces and nephews.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory Ann M. McGee, at thirty-six minutes past one o'clock P.M. on motion of Mr. McGee, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.