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Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

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

The Chair (Mr. Donnelly), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Candaras, Messrs. Brewer and Brownsberger, Ms. Chandler, Ms. Chang-Diaz, Ms. Clark, Ms. Creem, Messrs. DiDomenico and Donnelly, Ms. Donoghue, Messrs. Downing, Eldridge, Ms. Flanagan, Ms. Jehlen, Messrs. McGee, Michael O. Moore and Richard T. Moore, Ms. O'Connor Ives, Mr. Ross, Ms. Spilka and Messrs. Timilty and Wolf) "commemorating the American Heart Association on their celebration of February 2013 as American Heart Month"; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) "congratulating Brian T. Green on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout."

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Message from his Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to strengthening and enhancing firearms laws in the Commonwealth (accompanied by bill, House, No. 47),-- **came from the House, with the endorsement that the House had referred the message to the committee on the Judiciary.**

**On motion of Ms. Lovely, the Senate NON-concurred in the reference to the committee on the Judiciary and referred the message to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.
Sent to the House for its action.**

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Rosenberg, for the temporary committee on Ethics and Rules, a Report recommending proposed Senate Rules to be adopted as the permanent rules of the Senate for 2013-2014 (Senate, No. 7).

Order Adopted.

Mr. Rosenberg offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the Report of the Temporary Committee on Ethics and Rules relative to the Rules of the Senate for 2013-2014 (Senate, No. 7), shall be placed in the Orders of the Day on Thursday, January 24, 2013. The question will be on acceptance of the report.

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 12:00 noon, on Wednesday, January 23, 2013. The Clerk shall further specify the procedure and format for filing all amendments, consistent with this order.

Under the rules, referred to the temporary committee on Ethics and Rules.

Subsequently, Mr. Rosenberg, for the said committee, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Knapik, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted. The order was placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, January 24.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Rodrigues,--

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

Adjournment in Memory of former Senate Clerk and Parliamentarian Norman L. Pidgeon.

The Senator from Bristol and Norfolk, Mr. Timilty, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Norman L. Pidgeon, former Senate Clerk and Parliamentarian.

Norman L. Pidgeon, former Clerk and Parliamentarian of the Massachusetts Senate passed this past week at a local nursing home in Bradenton Florida after a long illness. He was 87 years old.

Norman Pidgeon began his career in the Massachusetts State House as a clerical assistant to the Clerk of the House in 1946 after returning from World War II having served in the Philippines. In 1952 Norman Pidgeon began working in the Senate Clerk's Office and through his hard work and mastery of the legislative and parliamentary process was promoted to Assistant Clerk of the Senate and eventually to Clerk and Parliamentarian of the Senate in 1967.

Norman Pidgeon retired as Clerk and Parliamentarian after the 1973 legislative session but remained on as a constitutional and parliamentary consultant to the Senate for several years.

Mr. Pidgeon was a prolific writer on legislative and parliamentary procedure and his rulings and parliamentary manuals serve as the basis for many parliamentary rulings today. He published two books while serving as parliamentary consultant to the State Senate: "Procedural Manual on Punishment of Members" (1977) and "Procedural Manual for the General Court" (1974). Norman Pidgeon also wrote two books of poetry that were published.

Norman Pidgeon was known for his dedication and keen intellect. He advised former Senate Presidents John Powers, Maurice Donahue and Kevin Harrington. He was the first clerk in the history of the Massachusetts legislature to receive the designation "Official Parliamentarian". He loved his work at the State House and was proud of the people he hired and mentored in the Senate Clerk's Office. He was a tough taskmaster but all who worked for him will attest that his competence, dedication, integrity, and work ethic were second to none.

Norman Pidgeon is survived by his loving wife Dorothy of sixty years, as well as three children Steve, Sandra and Nancy and 9 grandchildren.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Norman L. Pidgeon, at twenty-three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Rosenberg, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at two o'clock P.M.