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

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Petition.

Ms. Friedman presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cindy F. Friedman for legislation relative to the Massachusetts teachers retirement system;

Teachers,-- retirement system. SD2375

Referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Bills

Relative to the payment of bills of prior fiscal years by the town of Harvard (House, No. 3773,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Town of Harvard,-- payments.

Exempting positions in the department of public works in the city of Marlborough from the civil service law (House, No. 3883,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Marlborough,-- public works.

Authorizing the city of Medford to issue certain licenses to the Chevalier Theatre for the sale of food and alcoholic beverages (House, No. 3991,-- on House, No. 3981) [Local approval received on House, No. 3981];

Medford,-- Chevalier Theatre.

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Recess.

There being no objection, at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and, at thirteen minutes before four o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of retired Danvers Police Chief Christ J.Bouras.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. deMacedo,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

Adjourn In Memory of Police Chief Christ J. Bouras.

The Senator from Essex, Ms. Lovely, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of retired Danvers Police Chief Christ J. Bouras of Danvers.

Christ J. Bouras passed away on September 13, 2017. He was the loving husband of Jean (Moran) Bouras, with whom he shared 54 years of marriage.

Born in Peabody on May 8, 1932, he was the son of the late James and Elizabeth (Moutsoulas) Bouras. He was raised and educated in Peabody and was a graduate of Peabody High School. He served honorably in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

Christ began his 44-year career with the town of Danvers as a patrolman in 1955. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1962 and Captain in 1976. Appointed Chief in 1979, he served until his retirement in 1999. During his time on the department, he earned his bachelor's degree in 1972 and his Master's degree in 1974.

Under Chief Bouras' leadership, Danvers was the first municipal police department in the state to become nationally accredited. He served on the Governor's Anti-Crime Council and the Commission on Medicolegal Investigations.

He was a longtime member of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, and served as president of that association in 1987. He truly loved his job, and was passionate about enhancing police services in his community.

Christ was a strong family man and took great pride in both of his children, Christina and Matthew, and especially in his only grandson, Sean. He had a deep love and appreciation of the outdoors. Christ was an avid gardener and loved working the grounds and various gardens within his beautiful property. He and his wife were blessed to be able to travel the world, though his favorite vacations were those spent traveling with his family. Christ was a great believer in daily physical fitness and was still attending Boston North Fitness Center five days a week up through this past June. Christ had a strong zest for life with a love for music, dancing, and his many friends.

In addition to his wife, he leaves two children, Christina Tinney of Danvers and Matthew Bouras of Boston; his grandson, Sean Tinney of Danvers; a sister, Evangelia Bouras of Danvers; a brother, George Bouras of Nashua, New Hampshire; several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers and sisters, Gregory Bouras, Charles Bouras, Peter Bouras, Ethel Alexopoulos, Helen Kessararis and Frances Sanders.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Christ J. Bouras, at twelve minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo, the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.