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Thursday, December 28, 2017.

Met at four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair) (having been appointed by the Acting President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 2B Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2016 and Section 2B Chapter 47 of the Acts of 2017) submitting reports on prior year deficiencies (received December 26, 2017),-- was placed on file.

Comptroller,-- prior year deficiencies. SD2440

Report.

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

Report from the Department of Energy Resources (pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 448 of the Acts of 2016) submitting its Massachusetts Fleet Electrification Opportunities Study (received December 22, 2017);

DOER,-- fleet electrification study. SD2438

Report of the Secretary of the Commonwealth Public Records Division (pursuant to Section 19 of Chapter 121 of the Acts of 2016) submitting its Exemption (f) Working Group final report (received December 22, 2017);

Secretary,-- exemption (f) working group report. SD2439

Report of the Essex District Attorney's Office (pursuant to Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of wiretap interceptions for the 2016 calendar year (received December 26, 2017); and

Essex DA,-- wiretaps. SD2441

Report of the Middlesex District Attorney's Office (pursuant to Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of wiretap interceptions for the 2017 calendar year (received December 26, 2017).

Middlesex DA,-- wiretaps. SD2442

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to ensuring compliance with federal standards regarding the handling of federal tax information (House, No. 4093),-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Federal tax information,-- compliance.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Christopher Cantwell of the town of Marshfield on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout."

Christopher Cantwell.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Michael Maglio of the town of Marshfield on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Michael Maglio.

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Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Thomas Noonan Jr. of the town of Marshfield on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Thomas Noonan Jr.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Andrew Pozerski of the town of Marshfield on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout"; and

Andrew Pozerski.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Benjamin Sleeper of the town of Marshfield on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout".

Benjamin Sleeper.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill preserving the competitiveness of group auto insurance plans (House, No. 4081,-- on House, No. 2170),-- was read.

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There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Matter 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 establishing an other post employment benefits trust fund of the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4006) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Wellesley,-- post-employment benefits.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preambles Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for William Cuttle, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (see House, No. 4021), 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.

William Cuttle,-- sick leave.

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

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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

Time of meeting.

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 Dominic Albert "Nick" Velardi.

Moment of silence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill clarifying the applicability of the civil service laws to employee positions in the city of Framingham (printed in House, No. 4047,-- being a message from His Excellency the Governor),-- was read.

Framingham,-- civil service laws.

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

A Bill relative to candidates for mayor and city council in Framingham (printed in House, No. 4046,-- being a message from His Excellency the Governor),-- was read.

Framingham,--
mayor and city
council.

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

Recess.

There being no objection, at seventeen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at nine minutes past two o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill preserving the competitiveness of group auto insurance plans (see House, No. 4081), 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.

Group auto insurance
plans.

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

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Amending the charter of the town of Lynnfield relative to the date of holding the regular election (see House, No. 3977);

Establishing a sick leave bank for William Cuttle, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (see House, No. 4021); and

Preserving the competitiveness of group auto insurance plans (see House, No. 4081).

Bills laid before the
Governor.

Adjournment in Memory of Dominic Albert "Nick" Velardi.

The Senator from Essex, Ms. Lovely, moves that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourns in memory of Dominic Albert "Nick" Velardi.

Dominic Albert "Nick" Velardi, 88, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 surrounded by his family and loved ones.

Born and raised in Salem, Massachusetts, Nick was predeceased by his parents, Carmello and Nancy Velardi. He attended Salem schools and enlisted in the army to fight for his country in the Korean War.

After returning home from service, he married his wife Georgianna Ouellette

on November 7, 1953. He worked for many years for Varian, currently known as CPI, as a machinist, retiring in 1991.

Above all, his greatest achievement and what he cared about most was being father to his children and a husband to his wife.

Nick is survived by his three children, Diane Velardi of Salem, Donald Velardi and wife, Paula of Newmarket, New Hampshire, and Dominic Velardi and his wife Maureen of Newmarket, New Hampshire; his grandchildren, Christopher Velardi and his wife, Rachel of Agawam, Maine, Garret Velardi and his wife, Karina of Spain, and Patrick Velardi of Newmarket, New Hampshire; his great-grandchildren, Jack Dominic Velardi and Henry Velardi; his brother, John Velardi and his wife, Carol of Wenham; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his siblings, Esther Velardi, Carmello Velardi, and Natalie Dipaolo.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Dominic Albert “Nick” Velardi, at nine minutes before three o’clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Tuesday next at eleven o’clock A.M.