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Thursday, January 12, 2017.

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

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Honorable Stanley C. Rosenberg, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment (pursuant to Section 14 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2016) of Jessica Casey, Economic Development Director for the town of Plymouth, to the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel,-- was placed on file

Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel.

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Higher Education (under the provisions of Section 218(d) of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting its STEM Starter Academy year 3 supplemental evaluation report (received January 9, 2017);

DHE,-- SSA interim report. SD32

Report of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (pursuant to Section 21(3)(f) of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) pertaining to Cost of Living Adjustments for retirees and beneficiaries (received January 9, 2017);

PERAC,-- cost of living. SD37

Report of the Department of Youth Services (pursuant to Section 22 of Chapter 120 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for calendar year 2015 (received January 9, 2017); and

DYS,-- 2015 annual report. SD39

Report of the Department of Transitional Assistance (under the provisions of Sections 2 and 5 of Chapter 18 and Section 3C of Chapter 118 of the General Laws) submitting its "Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children Consolidated Report" (received January 6, 2017).

DTA,-- TAFDC consolidated report. SD151

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Notice was received from the Clerk of the House of Representatives the Representative Susannah M. Whipps-Lee of Athol had officially changed her name to Susannah M. Whipps, effective January 4, 2017.

Susannah M. Whipps,-- name change.

Notice was received from the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives announcing that he has made the following appointments:

Representative Whipps of Athol to the special commission established (under Chapter 298 of the Acts of 2016) to study the regulation of cutting, welding and other hot work processes regulated by the state fire code; and

Cutting, welding, other hot work processes commission

Representative Dooley of Norfolk to the task force (under Chapter 4 of the Resolves of 2016) on integrity in state and local government.

Integrity in state and local government task force.

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Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Barrett) “congratulating Nancy Nelson on her retirement”;	Nancy Nelson.
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brady) “congratulating Matthew Hannigan of the town of Hanover on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;	Matthew Hannigan.
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brady) “congratulating Jake Boyson Stevenson of the town of Hanover on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”; and	Jake Boyson Stevenson.
Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) “congratulating Ryan S. Lawton of the town of Medway on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”	Ryan S. Lawton.

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. Time of meeting.

Adjourn In Memory of Joan E. Harrington

The Senator from Middlesex and Norfolk, Ms. Creem, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Joan E. Harrington, one of Newton’s most longstanding and supportive activists, who died December 22, 2016.

Ms. Harrington was a graduate of the Girl’s Latin School, received her Bachelor’s Degree from Boston College, a Master’s Degree from Emanuel College and a Registered Nurse Degree from New England Deaconess Hospital.

She and her husband, Peter, moved to Newton in 1962, immediately becoming champions for numerous organizations and dedicating their energy for more than 50 years to improve life for Newton residents.

Ms. Harrington helped set up the first playground at Horace Mann elementary school and contributed her time and energy towards innumerable political campaigns. Appointed to the Newton Board of Library Trustees two decades ago, Ms. Harrington was still volunteering at the Newton Free Library in 2016.

Also a lifetime sports aficionado, she joined a senior bowling league sponsored by the Newton Recreation Department 10 years ago and continued her enthusiastic support for her team until her death.

Ms. Harrington was well known for always being ready to lend a hand and her compassion towards family, friends, and even those she barely knew.

Joan E. Harrington will be deeply missed by her husband of 57 years, Peter F. Harrington and her children John, Maura and Matthew, their spouses, her 6 grandchildren, countless friends around the world, and the Newton community. She was predeceased by her son Attorney James P. Harrington in 2015.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Joan E. Harrington, at a quarter past eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Tuesday next at eleven o’clock A.M.