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Met at six minutes past eleven o'clock P.M. (Mr. Boncore in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Communications.

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader, announcing the following appointments:-

Temporary Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Viriato "Vinny" deMacedo (Ranking Member)
Senator Richard Ross
Senator Donald Humason,-- **was placed on file.**

Temporary committee on Ways and Means,-- appointments.

Report.

Report of the Department of Mental Health (pursuant to Chapter 321 of the Acts of 2008) submitting its Children's Behavioral Health Knowledge Center 2016 annual report (received February 3, 2017),-- **was placed on file.**

DMH,-- CBH knowledge center annual report. SD2070

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Moore) "commending the New England District of the National Speech & Debate Association on its recognition of March 3, 2017 as National Speech and Debate Education Day."

New England District of the National Speech & Debate Association.

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Spilka, for the temporary committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robert Hackett, an employee of the Department of Revenue (House, No. 55, amended),-- ought to pass.

Robert Hackett,-- sick leave.

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

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--
Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Time of meeting.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Boncore), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Michael Conor Quinlan.

Moment of silence.

Adjourn In Memory of Michael Conor Quinlan.

Senators Tarr and O'Connor Ives moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Michael Conor Quinlan of North Andover. Michael passed away last year after a lengthy battle with cancer. While in high school, Michael was known as an exceptional athlete. In school, Michael played hockey and volleyball and took his enthusiasm for sports beyond the classroom. For a number of years, Michael worked for NOTB in New Hampshire where he got to share his passion for snowboarding and skateboarding.

Michael attended the University of Massachusetts in Lowell before deciding to serve his country in the United States Army. After enlisting, he became an Infantry Soldier and a distinguished Rifleman of the First Battalion 26th Infantry nicknamed the "Blue Spaders". While serving in Afghanistan, Michael earned the "Combat Infantry Badge" and was commended for his courageous actions. Michael earned a number of other commendations and awards including: the Afghanistan Campaign medal, the Army Achievement medal, the Army Good Conduct medal, the National Defense medal, the Global War on Terrorism medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the NATO medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

During his deployment, Michael was diagnosed with Stage IV lymphoma. He was honorably discharged from the Army on July 27, 2012, having attained the rank of Specialist E-4. After returning home, Michael made the difficult decision to pursue an experimental treatment for his cancer at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. Michael underwent numerous rounds of the experimental chemotherapy as part of the clinical trial. Despite the doctors' efforts and Michael's courageous decision, Michael passed away last year at the age of twenty-eight.

Michael is survived by his parents, Janet and Daniel Quinlan, a veteran North Andover police officer, of Methuen; his sister Kate Quinlan and her husband Jamie Perocchi of Salem, New Hampshire; his paternal grandparents Daniel and Joan Quinlan of North Andover; his aunts and uncles, numerous cousins, and many loving friends.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Michael Conor Quinlan, at a quarter past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. O'Connor, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.