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Met at twenty-nine minutes before eleven o'clock P.M.

The Senator from Plymouth and Barnstable, Mr. deMacedo led the President, members, guests and staff in the recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communications.

The following communication was received and placed on file:

A communication from the Honorable Stanley C. Rosenberg , President of the Senate, announcing leadership and committee appointments that have been ratified by the Majority Party Caucus:

Leadership and Committee appointments.

- Senator Harriette L. Chandler -- Majority Leader
Senator Marc R. Pacheco -- President Pro Tem
Senator Cynthia Stone Creem -- Assistant Majority Leader
Senator Mark C. Montigny -- Assistant Majority Leader
Senator Kenneth J. Donnelly -- Assistant Majority Leader
Senator Michael J. Rodrigues -- Majority Whip
Senator Linda Dorcena Forry -- Assistant Majority Whip
Senator Joan B. Lovely Assistant Majority Whip

Senate Standing Committees.

RULES. — Senators Montigny of Bristol and Plymouth, Spilka of Middlesex and Norfolk, Donoghue of Middlesex and Welch of Hampden (the membership of the committee on Rules also being the membership of the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, on the part of the Senate).

WAYS AND MEANS. —Senators Spilka of Middlesex and Norfolk, DiDomenico of Middlesex and Suffolk, Jehlen of Middlesex, Brownsberger of Suffolk and Middlesex, Chang-Díaz of Suffolk, Donnelly of Middlesex, Donoghue of Middlesex, Eldridge of Middlesex and Worcester, Keenan of Norfolk and Plymouth, Lovely of Essex, McGee of Essex, Moore of Worcester, O'Connor Ives of Essex, Rush of Norfolk and Suffolk and James E. Timilty of Bristol and Norfolk.

BONDING, CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND STATE ASSETS. – Senators Keenan of Norfolk and Plymouth, McGee of Essex, Moore of Worcester, Gobi of Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex, and Walter F. Timilty of Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth.

ETHICS. — Senators Rodrigues of Bristol and Plymouth, Brownsberger of Suffolk and Middlesex, Creem of Middlesex and Norfolk, and DiDomenico of Middlesex and Suffolk

BILLS IN THE THIRD READING. — Senators Creem of Middlesex and Norfolk, L'Italien of Essex and Middlesex, Donnelly of Middlesex and Gobi of Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS. — Senators DiDomenico of Middlesex and Suffolk, Forry of Suffolk, L'Italien of Essex and Middlesex, Lesser of Hampden and Hampshire, Eldridge of Middlesex and Worcester and Hinds of Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden.

GLOBAL WARMING AND CLIMATE CHANGE. — Senators Pacheco of Plymouth and Bristol, Eldridge of Middlesex and Worcester, Barrett of Middlesex, Boncore of Suffolk and Middlesex and Lewis of Middlesex.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION. — Senators Rush of Norfolk and Suffolk, O'Connor Ives of Essex, Rodrigues of Bristol and Plymouth, Barrett of Middlesex and Pacheco of Plymouth and Bristol.

POST AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT. — Senators O'Connor Ives of Essex, Welch of Hampden, Moore of Worcester, McGee of Essex and Gobi of Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex.

REDISTRICTING. — Senators Chandler of Worcester, Rodrigues of Bristol and Plymouth, L'Italien of Essex and Middlesex, James E. Timilty of Bristol and Norfolk and Welch of Hampden.

STEERING AND POLICY. — Senators Donoghue of Middlesex, Keenan of Norfolk and Plymouth, Eldridge of Middlesex and Worcester and Creem of Middlesex.

Joint Standing Committees.

CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES — Senators Flanagan of Worcester and Middlesex, Lovely of Essex, Forry of Suffolk, Cyr of Cape and Islands and McGee of Essex.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS — Senators Cyr of Cape and Islands, Eldridge of Middlesex and Worcester, Gobi of Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex, Chang-Diaz of Suffolk and DiDomenico of Middlesex and Suffolk.

CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE — Senators L'Italien of Essex and Middlesex, James E. Timilty of Bristol and Norfolk, Brady of Plymouth and Bristol, DiDomenico of Middlesex and Suffolk and Flanagan of Worcester and Middlesex.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES — Senators Lesser of Hampden and Hampshire, Hinds of Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden, McGee of Essex, Chang-Diaz of Suffolk, Pacheco of Plymouth and Bristol and Barrett of Middlesex.

EDUCATION -- Senators Chang-Diaz of Suffolk, Jehlen of Middlesex, Lewis of Middlesex, L'Italien of Essex and Middlesex and Barrett of Middlesex.

ELDER AFFAIRS — Senators L'Italien of Essex and Middlesex, Cyr of Cape and Islands, Jehlen of Middlesex, Lesser of Hampden and Hampshire and Walter F. Timilty of Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth.

ELECTION LAWS — Senators Gobi of Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex, Barrett of Middlesex, O'Connor Ives of Essex, Jehlen of Middlesex and Lewis of Middlesex.

ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE — Senators Gobi of Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex, Rush of Norfolk and Suffolk, James E. Timilty of Bristol and Norfolk, Eldridge of Middlesex and Worcester and McGee of Essex.

EXPORT DEVELOPMENT — Senators Donoghue of Middlesex, Montigny of Bristol and Plymouth, Rodrigues of Bristol and Plymouth, Forry of Suffolk and

Pacheco of Plymouth and Bristol.

FINANCIAL SERVICES – Senators Eldridge of Middlesex and Worcester, Lesser of Hampden and Hampshire, Boncore of Suffolk and Middlesex, Keenan of Norfolk and Plymouth and DiDomenico of Middlesex and Suffolk.

HEALTH CARE FINANCING – Senators Welch of Hampden, Boncore of Suffolk and Middlesex, Barrett of Middlesex, L’Italien of Essex and Middlesex, Lesser of Hampden and Hampshire and Lewis of Middlesex.

HIGHER EDUCATION – Senators Moore of Worcester, Donoghue of Middlesex, Hinds of Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden, Lesser of Hampden and Hampshire and O’Connor Ives of Essex.

HOUSING – Senators Boncore of Suffolk and Middlesex, Forry of Suffolk, Barrett of Middlesex, Cyr of Cape and Islands and Hinds of Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden.

THE JUDICIARY -- Senators Brownsberger of Suffolk and Middlesex, Chang-Diaz of Suffolk, Keenan of Norfolk and Plymouth, Creem of Middlesex and Norfolk, and Jehlen of Middlesex.

LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT -- Senators Lewis of Middlesex, Jehlen of Middlesex, DiDomenico of Middlesex and Suffolk, Donnelly of Middlesex and Keenan of Norfolk and Plymouth.

MARIJUANA POLICY -- Senators Jehlen of Middlesex, Lewis of Middlesex, Eldridge of Middlesex and Worcester, Forry of Suffolk and Welch of Hampden.

MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE AND RECOVERY -- Senators Flanagan of Worcester and Middlesex, Keenan of Norfolk and Plymouth, Donnelly of Middlesex, Eldridge of Middlesex and Worcester, Brownsberger of Suffolk and Middlesex and Hinds of Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden.

MUNICIPALITIES AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT -- Senators Moore of Worcester, Walter F. Timilty of Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth, Cyr of Cape and Islands, Donoghue of Middlesex and Hinds of Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Senators Lewis of Middlesex, Flanagan of Worcester and Middlesex, Cyr of Cape and Islands, James E. Timilty of Bristol and Norfolk and Lovely of Essex.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY -- Senators James E. Timilty of Bristol and Norfolk, Moore of Worcester, Brady of Plymouth and Bristol, Chang-Diaz of Suffolk, Rush of Norfolk and Suffolk and Brownsberger of Suffolk and Middlesex.

PUBLIC SERVICE – Senators James E. Timilty of Bristol and Norfolk, Donnelly of Middlesex, Flanagan of Worcester and Middlesex, Brady of Plymouth and Bristol and Brownsberger of Suffolk and Middlesex.

REVENUE -- Senators Brady of Plymouth and Bristol, Creem of Middlesex and Norfolk, O’Connor Ives of Essex, Rodrigues of Bristol and Plymouth and Boncore of Suffolk and Middlesex.

STATE ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATORY OVERSIGHT – Senators Walter F. Timilty of Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth, Lovely of Essex, Flanagan of Worcester and Middlesex, Moore of Worcester and Donnelly of Middlesex.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES AND ENERGY -- Senators Barrett of Middlesex, Brady of Plymouth and Bristol, Pacheco of Plymouth and Bristol, Gobi of Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex and Lovely of Essex.

TOURISM, ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT -- Senators Hinds of Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden, Cyr of Cape and Islands, Lovely of Essex, Donoghue of Middlesex and Chang-Diaz of Suffolk.

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TRANSPORTATION -- Senators McGee of Essex, Boncore of Suffolk and Middlesex, Lesser of Hampden and Hampshire, Keenan of Norfolk and Plymouth, Forry of Suffolk and Rush of Norfolk and Suffolk.

VETERANS AND FEDERAL AFFAIRS – Senators Rush of Norfolk and Suffolk, Gobi of Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex, Lesser of Hampden and Hampshire, Walter F. Timilty of Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth and Brady of Plymouth and Bristol.

Petition.

The following petition, having been timely filed by 5:00 P.M., on Friday, January 20, 2017, was considered as follows:--

Mr. Fattman presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 21) of Ryan C. Fattman and Kevin J. Kuros for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Paula Daggett, an employee of the Department of Correction,-- **was referred to the temporary committee on Ways and Means.**

Paula Daggett,--
sick leave.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

House Order.

The following House Order was considered forthwith, as follows, to wit:

Ordered, That a Joint Session of the two branches be held in the Chamber of the House of Representatives on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at eleven o'clock A.M., for the purpose of commemorating the 100th birthday of John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

John F. Kennedy,--
100th birthday
commemoration.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. deMacedo, and the Order was adopted, in concurrence.

Recess.

At eleven minutes before eleven o'clock A.M., the President declared a recess for the purpose of attending the Joint Session of the Two Houses to commemorate the 100th birthday of John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

Recess.

*Joint Session of the Two Houses to commemorate the
100th birthday of John Fitzgerald Kennedy.*

At ten minutes past eleven o'clock P.M., the two branches met in

Joint convention.

JOINT SESSION

and were called to order by the Honorable Stanley C. Rosenberg, President of the Senate.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to consist of members of the Senate and House of Representatives to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, and other distinguished guests and inform them that the two branches are now in Convention and request the honor of their presence for the commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

Notification of the
Governor and Lt.
Governor.

Senators Tarr, Brady, Lovely, and L'Italien were appointed on the part of the

Senate; and Representatives Speliotis of Danvers, Garbally of Arlington, Stanley of Waltham, Jones of North Reading, Wong of Saugus, Tosado of Springfield, Atkins of Concord and Haddad of Somerset were appointed on the part of the House.

Subsequently, Mr. Tarr, for the committee, reported that the His Excellency the Governor, Her Honor the Lieutenant Governor and distinguished guests would immediately attend upon the convention.

Shortly thereafter, His Excellency the Governor, Her Honor the Lieutenant Governor and distinguished guests entered the Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Students from the Edward Devotion School in Brookline led the Convention in the pledge of allegiance to the flag

Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guest.

There being no objection, the President introduced Gunnery Sergeant Brian Downing of Danvers. This past year Gunnery Sergeant Downing was named "Marine of the Year" by the national publication Military Times, for going above and beyond the call of duty to support his comrades in the Marine Corp. Gunnery Sergeant Downing has served 4 tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. Gunnery Sergeant Downing was accompanied by his mother Andrea Downing, his sister Jenny Corbin and his nephews Graham and Thomas Corbin. He was the guest of Senators Lovely and Rush and Representative Speliotis of Danvers and Naughton of Clinton.

Gunnery Sergeant
Brian Downing.

Remarks of Senate President Stanley C. Rosenberg.

At this critical juncture in our nation's history, where the people and the institutions that have made us great are under attack, there is no better time to remember what President John F. Kennedy stood for: his values, his convictions, his courage, his dedication to uphold the Constitution and the rule of law, to welcome immigrants the way his family had been welcomed, and to raise his voice in hope to help all of us believe that this nation can truly be indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Remarks of Senate
President Stanley C.
Rosenberg.

President Kennedy's words before this legislative body, when he stood right here and spoke on the eve of his inaugural, showed a man deeply aware of what he called "the contribution this state has made to national greatness." As we mark the centennial of the birth of President John F. Kennedy, we must continue to make that contribution.

All of us who work in government, from those in leadership positions to state employees at every level of service, have a responsibility to demonstrate to everyone that this institution, the government, is deserving of their trust, that we are here to serve the people, with transparency and collaboration, and quickly enough to respond to these rapidly changing times.

Whether we are taking a principled stand in condemning discrimination, erosion of voting rights, or listening to the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts so we understand what they need from our government, at every moment we are sending a message about whether they can trust and believe in their government.

They need to know they can. President Kennedy's soaring rhetoric was grounded in a deeply held conviction that we can do more for people, and that we

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can include everyone in the American dream of decent housing, a good job, access to health care, and outstanding education for all. President Kennedy took us even farther than that when he took us to the moon, but remember that when the space program began there were doubters, and opponents who simply did not want the President to succeed. It wasn't easy, but he proved them wrong, and his success was the nation's success.

Our success will come when we go somewhere much closer than the moon. It will happen right here, when we do the work we need to do every day to live up to the ideals of our native son President John F. Kennedy, and to give the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts every reason to be as proud of us -- as we are of him.

Remarks of Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo.

Thank you President Rosenberg. It's a pleasure to be joined by you, Governor Baker, Lt. Governor Polito for such an historic event.

Each time I preside over the Chamber, I am inspired and humbled by the words President Kennedy spoke from this very rostrum. Today that reverence is magnified by the gravity of this moment and the energy in this room.

I want to sincerely thank the JFK Library Foundation and Steven Rothstein for the passion you've put into today and the entire centennial year celebration.

Your creativity and patriotism ensures that generations of Americans will feel a personal connection to this great man, and hopefully, find inspiration to serve.

Lt. Governor Kennedy Townsend, it's a privilege to have you here today. I am also pleased to welcome Liam and Kyle Kerr, members of the Kennedy family to the Chamber Thank you for joining us.

Now, more than ever, it is crucial that we reflect on President Kennedy's legacy and reaffirm ourselves to the ideals he held dear.

As the President noted in his City Upon a Hill speech, Massachusetts' principles set the standard for the greatness our nation would soon grow into. That day in 1961, he implored public servants to be mindful "of the contribution this state has made to our national greatness."

I hope that we will all come away from today's session renewed and reaffirming ourselves to the Commonwealth's values, values which President Kennedy said "guided our footsteps in times of crisis as well as in times of calm."

So in closing, I want to share my hope for the Massachusetts Legislature with you. For all that President Kennedy did, the thing I'm most awed by is JFK's unique ability to translate the majesty of imagination and idealism into pragmatic policy.

Let us be guided by that as we work to protect our residents and serve as "beacon lights" to the rest of the nation.

Thank you and God bless.

Remarks of Governor Charles E. Baker.

I STILL REMEMBER the first time I heard the words, "President John F. Kennedy." It was November 22, 1963. I had just turned 7 two weeks earlier. And there was my mom, sitting on the stairs in our basement, head in her hands, watching the news on our black-and-white TV.

I remember it was a Friday, because I came home from school excited for the weekend. Back then, we were allowed to walk to and from school – even when we were in second grade! The basement was our playroom, so there wasn't any

Remarks of Speaker
of the House Robert
A. DeLeo.

Remarks of Governor
Charles E. Baker.

furniture down there, just toys and our first TV, which is why my mom was sitting on the stairs.

“They shot the President.” That was all she said – but I could tell by the way she said it that it was a very big deal. I sat down in front of her on the stairs. And she grabbed me. I think it was supposed to be a hug, but it was much more intense than that.

Our house – like so many across the country – was a very quiet, solemn place for the next few months. For us kids, it was simply a time to be present, and be quiet. Something very big – and very bad – had happened. And we were expected to respect that.

It was one of the few times I can recall from my earliest days as a child in which the outside world descended with a bang on our house, and into our lives.

As I stand here today, in this hallowed chamber, and think back on those dark days and all that’s happened in between, I am left with three impressions.

First – the 60’s – and all the cultural, economic, and societal upheaval that came with them – arrived with the election of John F. Kennedy. His election as president was a big surprise. He was just over 40 – our youngest president ever – and the first Catholic to hold the office. The Cuban Missile Crisis, the Bay of Pig, the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, the Peace Corps, the Space Race, the Berlin Wall, the Civil Rights Movement, and the Trade Expansion Act all happened during that very short 3-year period.

Who knew it was just the beginning?

Second, Kennedy’s message, despite the enormity of the breaking waves around him, was about possibility. His manner, his speeches, his words, and his deeds were all about the future – and everything it could be.

His press conferences – even during his most difficult days – were full of wisecracks, self-deprecation, and playful observations.

When asked by the press if he would support legislation imposing term limits on Congress and the US Senate – similar to the term limits applied to the presidency, his answer was vintage JFK. “That’s an interesting idea. Maybe I’ll take it up after I’m through being president.”

He talked about not seeking the Republican or Democratic answer – but the right answer. And urged his colleagues not to fix blame for the past – but instead – to accept “our own responsibility for the future.”

Third, he professed a public humility that was endearing and disarming. When he and the First Lady visited Paris for the first time after the inauguration, the crowds were nice to the president, but went wild over Jackie Kennedy. Upon returning to the states and being asked about the trip, the president replied, “I am the man who accompanied Jacqueline Kennedy to Paris. And I enjoyed it.”

And when asked about how he was finding the job of president shortly after his term began, he said, simply, “The pay is good and I can walk to work.”

Finally, I cannot help but wonder what our former president would think of our current state of affairs if he were still alive today. I am sure he would marvel at the impact the investments he championed in science and technology have had on this country and the rest of the world.

He would note the growth of the global economy – and all the positives and negatives that have come with worldwide competition.

But I suspect the coarseness of modern-day politics would disappoint him. And I think he would remind us that in his day, he asked us to focus not on what our country could do for each of us, but instead, on what we could do for our country.

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I call those words to live by, now more than ever. Happy Birthday Mr. President!

"City Upon a Hill" Speech.

Former President John F. Kennedy's address to the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, known as the "City Upon a Hill" speech was then played for the Joint Convention.

"City Upon a Hill" speech.

Remarks of Kathleen Kennedy Townsend.

Thank you, Senate President Rosenberg, Speaker DeLeo, Governor Baker, other constitutional officers, legislators and special guests.

Remarks of Kathleen Kennedy Townsend.

It is an honor and a pleasure to stand with you today. This is truly special for me as the former Lt Governor of Maryland. I worked closely with state legislators and have the greatest respect for the important role each of you play. Thanks for your dedication to public service. This is the first of many occasions to remember my uncle John Kennedy, and to celebrate the centennial of his birth.

Of course, the first event of this centennial years had to be in Massachusetts, for this is the state that gave him his start. It is also appropriate to be in this building where both of his grandfathers – my great grandfathers – served in the legislature.

It is on Cape Cod, that he developed his love of sailing and the sea, knowledge of winds and tides, narrow channels, and enthusiasm for exploration and adventure.

I can also testify it where he taught me that I might be good for ballast.

This state nurtured his appreciation for history through his visits Plymouth Rock, Concord and Lexington, Paul Revere's home, Bunker Hill, Walden Pond, Longfellow's. I think his study in that college across the Charles also helped...as his senior thesis became a best seller!

Massachusetts harbored different views on immigration. Certainly, he knew from his own family how immigrants were gutsy and courageous, as they braved separation from familiar faces, bore rough seas, on a long voyage, and then hard jobs and low pay, if any job at all once they arrived. He heard my grandmother's stories of signs that said, "Help wanted, no Irish need apply."

However, unlike some who having made it, close the doors on others, he always stayed true to the idea that immigration made our country great. He wrote the book, "A Nation of Immigrants", and then pushed for the change in immigration laws which opened our doors to people from all over the world, not just his beloved Irish!

This commonwealth nurtured my family's skills in campaigning and governing, and the appreciation that politics itself was an honorable profession. It is, as President Kennedy said, "where the action is."

I think he passed that on to my parents, as my birth certificate gives my home address as 122 Bowdoin Street, right next door!

So it is good to be with you today, you daughters and sons of Massachusetts, who know these stories well, and have a few of your own!

A centennial is a celebration, not only of a hero's life and contribution, it provides the opportunity to tease out from that life the lessons that can guide us on our own journey today.

Just as President Kennedy quoted Pericles, we too can take a stand for democracy, the rule of law, the value of the press, and freedom from

discrimination. Just as he spoke of Winthrop's City Upon a Hill, we too can believe in the mission of this most unique nation. The United States should serve as model to emulate. We need not succumb to fear, scared by world of change and difference, turning to autocracy as a safe haven.

His speech asked the timeless questions...what virtues do we hold dear, and how should we be judged. His answer, Courage, Judgement, Integrity and Dedication.

Why could he do this? Because this state, through its history, its dedication to excellence, and to its sense of itself as a commonwealth, builds confidence in its people.

He learned here the deepest truth of America: We are happy to meet people who share our desire to work hard and make a contribution, who create safe communities for ourselves and our children, who like to explore new ideas, who are willing to care for our neighbors and our precious earth. It matters little if they don't look like us, practice our religion or speak English as a first language. What we share is far more important.

President Kennedy had a patriot's faith in America, our people and our future. His vigor and energy inspired us to seek difficult missions that we could take together—whether in the Peace Corps, the race to the moon, the Alliance for Progress, civil rights or arms control.

I could end this on a tentative note and say that I hope that that the pilgrim's spirit of exploration and city-building that started in Massachusetts will spread throughout the land. But I have stronger faith. I know in this, President Kennedy's Centennial Year, that courage and confidence and curiosity will remain active in our souls. Why? Because this is the land that we love and like President Kennedy, we will make the work of America our own.

His Excellency the Governor, His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, and distinguished guests then withdrew from the Joint Session, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

On motion of Ms. Forry, at three minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the Convention of the Two Branches was dissolved; and the Senate withdrew from the Joint Session, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Withdrawal from Chamber.

At twenty-five minutes before two one o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

The House Order relative to the adoption of permanent Joint Rules for the 190th General Court governing the 2017-2018 legislative sessions (House, No. 2019 amended),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had concurred in the Senate amendment *with a further amendment* by striking out the text (inserted by amendment by the Senate) and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 2020.”.

Joint Rules.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the further House amendment was adopted, in concurrence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Brady,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Time of meeting.

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On motion of Mr. Tarr, at twenty-three minutes before two o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.