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Met at six minutes past eleven o'clock A.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.

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

Communication from the Legislative Library Caucus relative to the creation of said caucus (received March 8, 2019);

Library Caucus,-- creation.

Communication from the Gateway Cities Legislative Caucus relative to the creation of said caucus (received March 8, 2019); and

Gateway Cities Caucus,-- creation.

Communication from the Manufacturing Legislative Caucus relative to the creation of said caucus (received March 8, 2019).

Manufacturing Caucus,-- creation.

Report.

Report of the Department of Transitional Assistance (pursuant to Section 32 of Chapter 158 of the Acts of 2014) submitting its report on agency paper reduction efforts (received March 8, 2019),-- **was placed on file.**

DTA,-- paper reduction report. SD2330

Petition.

Mr. Hinds presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam G. Hinds for legislation to expand home ownership opportunities for the middle class;

Home ownership,-- middle class. SD2331

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

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Chang-Diaz, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on petition, a Bill relative to abusive practices to change sexual orientation and gender identity in minors (Senate, No. 70);

Minors,-- gender identity.

Read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for David P. Christian, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 1541);

David P. Christian,-- sick leave.

Read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brady) "congratulating Kameron Burton on his elevation to

Kameron Burton.

the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O’Connor) “congratulating Simon Barnum of the town of Norwell on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Simon Barnum.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) “congratulating Jake Benoit on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Jake Benoit.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) “congratulating Jordan Hanna on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Jordan Hanna.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) “congratulating Austin Marques on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Austin Marques.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) “congratulating Collin McGlynn on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”; and

Collin McGlynn.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) “congratulating Michael Alexander Smith on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

Michael Alexander Smith.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3593) of Brian M. Ashe and Anne M. Gobi relative to reviving and continuing the special commission established (under Section 103 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) to study the financial and economic impacts of crumbling concrete foundations due to the presence of pyrrhotite,-- **was referred in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.**

Pyrrhotite,-- study.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. deMacedo--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday 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. Boncore), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Howard T. Costa, Jr.

Moment of silence.

Adjournment in Memory of Howard T. “Ted” Costa Jr.

The Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, presented a request that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Howard T. “Ted” Costa Jr., who passed at the age of 76 on February 9, 2019.

Ted was born in Gloucester on July 9, 1942, and graduated as part of the Gloucester High School Class of 1961. After graduating, Ted joined the US Navy and served on the USS Paul Revere during the Vietnam War. In 1970, Ted was appointed a reserve patrolman in the Gloucester Police Department, and was promoted to Sergeant in 1992.

In his 26 years of police service, Ted was an invaluable resource for the community. He served as Gloucester’s first D.A.R.E. Officer and became President of the D.A.R.E. Officer’s Association, all while furthering his education at North Shore Community College and Springfield College. In addition to his police work, Ted served as Gloucester Harbor Master and as the head of the City of Gloucester Traffic Commission. After his retirement from the Gloucester Police Department in 1996, Ted worked as a Funeral Assistant at the Greely Funeral Home, and maintained membership in the Massachusetts

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Police Association, Gloucester Lodge of Elks, Manchester American Legion, and Rockport Golf Club.

A lifelong member of the Our Lady of Good Voyage Church, Ted will be remembered for his smile, sense of humor, and ability to befriend all he met. Ted is survived by his wife Carole, sons Howard III and Scott, sister Pamela, as well as various nieces and nephews.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Howard T. "Ted" Costa Jr., at twelve minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.