

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



**THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019.**

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Thursday, March 14, 2019.

Met at fourteen 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.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Boncore) handed the gavel to Mr. Tarr for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Tarr then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Margaret Stone and Ellie O'Donnell. Margaret and Ellie are students at Ipswich High School and are visiting the State House as part of a job-shadowing program. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Margaret Stone and Ellie O'Donnell.

Communications.

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

Communication from the Joint Committee on Higher Education (under the provisions of Joint Rule 1) relative to the rules of procedure for said committee for the 2019-2020 legislative session (received Wednesday, March 13, 2019); and

Committee on Higher Education.

Communication from the Joint Committee on Housing (under the provisions of Joint Rule 1) relative to the rules of procedure for said committee for the 2019-2020 legislative session (received Wednesday, March 13, 2019).

Committee on Housing.

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Brownsberger (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marie Yolette Winfield for legislation to protect public health, promote accountability and prevent the violation of individual rights through the misuse, abuse and the violation of law; and

Public health,--rights. SD2332

By Ms. Rausch, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rebecca L. Rausch, Maria Duaine Robinson, Jason M. Lewis, Shawn Dooley and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure equitable representation on the fiscal and management control board;

FMCB,--representation. SD2333

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

Committee Discharged.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Senate establishing a sick leave bank for David P. Christian, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 1541),--and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Rules.

David P. Christian,--sick leave.

Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Chandler and Mr. Tran) “commending the International Essential Tremor Foundation on its recognition of March 2019 as Essential Tremor Awareness Month”; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka and Ms. Rausch) “congratulating the Edward P. Clark Post 107, American Legion on its one hundredth anniversary.”

International  
Essential Tremor  
Foundation.

Edward P. Clark Post  
107.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

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

*Ordered*, that the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to correct the records of the 191<sup>st</sup> General Court to change the words “Marijuana Policy” to the words “Cannabis Policy” whenever applicable; and be it further *Ordered*, that matters that have been referred to the former committee on Marijuana Policy, shall be considered by the committee on Cannabis Policy.

Marijuana Policy,--  
committee name  
change.

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

*Reports of a Committee.*

By Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Eric P. Lesser, Paul R. Feeney and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to invest more in middle class jobs and less in the relocation of out-of-state corporations.

Jobs,-- invest.  
SD2298

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.**

By Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Michael J. Rodrigues, Patricia A. Haddad, Steven S. Howitt, Carole A. Fiola and other members of the General Court for legislation to designate a certain building in the city of Fall River as the Captain Thomas Hudner Jr. Memorial Building.

Fall River,-- building  
designation.  
SD2315

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.**

By Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Anthony Barton, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services.

Anthony Barton,--  
sick leave.  
SD2296

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service.**

**Severally sent to the House for concurrence.**

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The Senate Bill to establish a sick leave bank for David P. Christian, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 1541).

David P. Christian,--  
sick leave.

**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.**

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tarr--

*Ordered,* That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday 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 Rockport Fire Lieutenant Kris Juncker, Jr.

Moment of silence.

*Adjourn In Memory of Rockport Fire Lieutenant Kris Juncker, Jr.*

The Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Kris Juncker, Jr., who passed away at age 38, surrounded by his family.

Kris Juncker, Jr. joined the Rockport Fire department as a volunteer firefighter at the age of 18. For 20 years, Kris worked as an integral member of the Sandy Bay Engine Company within the Department. In 2013, Kris was promoted to the rank of Senior Lieutenant.

Kris' passion was working with children. For twelve years Kris was an indispensable part of Rockport Elementary School's fire safety programs, including a three-year period as the program's supervisor.

Despite his health problems, Kris always returned to assignments at the fire department when possible. As a testament to Kris' stature in the community, the fire department organized multiple fundraisers and benefits to help cover his medical bills. At every turn, Rockport's citizens described Kris as both an indispensable mentor and a model citizen. Kris is survived by his father Kris, Sr. and wife Jessica.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Kris Juncker, Jr., at twenty minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.