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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Distinguished Guest.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Cyr) handed the gavel to Mr. Tarr for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Tarr then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Pentucket Regional High School 2018-2019 MIAA Division 2 Girls Basketball State Champions. The team finished their season 24-3 as State Champions for the first time since 2012. In addition to this particular team competing extra hard on the basketball court, they did so with the highest level of sportsmanship, serving as an inspiration and positive role models to their peers. Among the group were players: #3 Anna Wyner, #11 Casey Snow, #12 Jess Galvin, #14 Greta Maurer, #20 Hannah Lambert, #21 Maddi Doyle, #22 Angelina Yacubacci, #24 Angelica Hurley, #31 Emily Riley, #32 Liv Cross, #33 Megan Reading, #34 Mackenzie Currie, and #42 Arielle Cleveland. They were led by Athletic Director Dan Thornton, Head Coach John McNamara and Assistant Coaches Tori Lane, Steph Murray. The Senate applauded their accomplishments and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Pentucket Regional High School Girls Basketball Team.

Communication.

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 2E of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) submitting a revised fiscal year 2019 transfer schedule for the following account:1595-1069 Health Information Technology Trust Fund (received April 26, 2019),-- was placed on file.

Comptroller,-- revised transfer schedule. SD2414

Petition.

Mr. O'Connor presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to uniform HIPAA standards;

HIPAA standards. SD2413

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

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on petition, a Bill relative to the defense against abusive waivers (Senate, No. 1049);

Abusive waivers,-- defense.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to social media privacy protection (Senate, No. 1055, changed by striking out the word "cause" in lines 18, 25, 74, 81, 128, 135, 185 and 192, and inserting in place thereof the word "coerce"); and

Social media,-- privacy.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill amending the unemployment insurance law for workers with fluctuating work schedules (Senate, No.

Unemployment insurance,-- schedules.

1075);

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

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill relative to the town charter of Groton (Senate, No. 1192) [Local approval received]; and

Groton,-- town charter.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the Board of Park Commissioners of the town of Dunstable (Senate, No. 1193) [Local approval received];

Dunstable,-- Board of Park Commissioners.

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3696) of Aaron Michlewitz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to certain affordable housing in the South End section of the city of Boston;

Boston,-- affordable housing.

To the committee on Housing.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3694) of James Arciero and Edward J. Kennedy (by vote of the town) relative to the terms of office for newly appointed cemetery commissioners in the town of Westford;

Westford,-- cemetery commissioners.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3697) of James J. O'Day and Harriette L. Chandler for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Denise Santos, an employee of the Department of Correction,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Denise Santos,-- sick leave.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tran) "commending Veterans of the Vietnam War for their honorable service to the United States of America on the forty-fourth anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War."

Veterans of the Vietnam War.

Report of Committees.

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 Diana DiZoglio for legislation relative to public bidding.

Public bidding. SD2407

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 State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Cyr), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Edward Stetson.

Moment of Silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr--

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.

Adjournment in Memory of Edward Stetson.

The Senator from Essex, Ms. Lovely, presented a request that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Edward Stetson.

Edward Stetson passed away on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. Edward was the beloved husband of the late Dorvalina Stetson. Born in Boston, he was the son of the late Ellis and Elsie J. Stetson.

Edward served as a sergeant in the Army Air Corps during World War II in the 3501st Army Air Force Base Unit. Following the war, Edward was a painter in the North Shore area; he spent 17 years as a painter and glazer at the Lynn School Department. Always busy, Edward was a member of the American Legion, Franco American War Veterans Post 12, and the Beverly Veterans of Foreign Wars Vitorri-Rocci Post 56. He had a love for gardening, dancing, and his favorite sports teams, but he absolutely adored spending as much time as he could with his family.

Edward was the loving father of Edward Stetson, Jr. and his wife, Carol of Salem; Gail Hanasik and her husband, Stephen of Chesapeake, Virginia; cherished grandfather of Christopher Stetson, Michael Stetson and his wife, Angela, Jeanie Garcia and her husband, Duarte, Jennifer Stetson, Deborah Armentrout-Bell and Gerald "Bubba" Armentrout and his late wife, Beth; adoring great-grandfather of nine and great-great grandfather of three, Edward is survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Edward Stetson, at sixteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.