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Thursday, June 6, 2019.

Met at five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Rush in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

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

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Pledge of Allegiance.

### *Distinguished Guests.*

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Rush) introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Rear Admiral Daniel J. MacDonnell. He was recognized for becoming the 11th Deputy Chief, Central Security Service of the National Security Agency in September of 2018. MacDonnell's active duty tours include a mobilization with the International Assistance Force Joint Command in Kabul, Afghanistan; and assignments with the National Security Agency, Naval Network Warfare Command, Navy Information Operations Command Georgia, Center for Expeditionary Counterterrorism Operations, USS John F. Kennedy and Naval Security Group Activity Edzell, Scotland. He was accompanied by Army Captain Kyle Callahan and Air Force Staff Sergeant John Butler. The Senate thanked them for their service to our country, Rear Admiral MacDonnell signed the guest book, and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Rear Admiral Daniel  
J. MacDonnell.

There being no objection, the President handed the gavel to Mr. Keenan for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Keenan then introduced, on the Rostrum, Barry Welch of Quincy. Mr. Welch was being recognized for his 54 years of dedicated service to the city of Quincy and for 37 years as the Director of the Department of Recreation. He began his service in 1963 as a volunteer at Happy Acres Day Camp and has worked under 8 mayors. Barry was also recognized for having started the Senior Olympics in Quincy, a competition that has grown in 36 years from a couple of days of games to an annual two-week sporting event. Barry was also thanked for his service to our country as a United States Coast Guard Veteran. The Senate applauded his accomplishments, presented him with a Senate Citation and wished him well on his retirement.

Barry Welch.

There being no objection, the President handed the gavel to Ms. Creem for the purpose of an introduction. Ms. Creem then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, five students from the Pierce School in Brookline. The students were recognized for their work on the student council, were welcomed with applause and withdrew from the Chamber.

Pierce School.

There being no objection, the President handed the gavel to Ms. Comerford for the purpose of an introduction. Ms. Comerford then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, a group of student and alumni artists from Greenfield Community College. Among the group were: Executive Director of Resource Development & GCC Foundation Regina Curtis, Dean of Humanities Leo Hwang and artists: Alice Miller, Hannah White and Julianne Jones. The group was visiting the State House to display their artwork in an exhibit in Room 428. They were accompanied by various members of their families. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Greenfield  
Community College,-  
- artists.

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*Report.*

Report of the Department of Energy Resources (pursuant to Section 21(b) of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2018) submitting its Offshore Wind Study Report (received May 31, 2019),-- **was placed on file.**

DOER,-- wind study report.  
SD2453

*Petitions.*

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Kennedy, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2239) of Edward J. Kennedy (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the conveyance by lease or easement and change of use of conservation land in the town of Groton [Local approval received];

Groton,-- conservation land.

**Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marc R. Pacheco and Angelo L. D'Emilia for legislation to authorize the transfer of care and control of certain parcels of land in the town of Bridgewater from the Department of Correction to the Department of Fire Services;

Bridgewater,-- land.  
SD2455

**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 to increase the safety of individuals with disabilities relying on life-support equipment (Senate, No. 73);

Disabled individuals,-- continued care.

**Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.**

By Ms. Chang-Diaz, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on petition, a Bill to end child marriage in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 24);

Child marriage,-- protections.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to mandated reporter reform (Senate, No. 62); and

Mandated reporting,-- special commission.

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 145), a Bill further regulating thoroughbred breeding (Senate, No. 2238);

Thoroughbred breeding,-- regulations.

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

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2200), a Bill authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Milton (Senate, No. 2240) [Local approval received on Senate, No. 2200];

Milton,-- police officers.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The following petitions, having been timely filed by 5 o'clock P.M. on January 18, 2019, were referred in concurrence as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3829) of Paul McMurtry, Michael F. Rush

Greater Boston

and others relative to a specialty pharmacy in Greater Boston Urology;

Urology,-- pharmacy.

**To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3840) of Paul McMurtry, Michael F. Rush and others relative to licensure for specialty practice pharmacies;

Specialty practice pharmacies.

**To the committee on Public Health.**

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3847) of Kate Hogan and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) that the town of Hudson be authorized to grant five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises; and

Hudson,-- liquor license.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3848) of Kate Hogan and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) that the town of Hudson be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises;

Id.

**Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.**

*Matter Taken out of the Orders of the Day.*

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Blackstone to continue the employment of fire chief Michael Sweeney (Senate, No. 1517),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Michael Sweeney,-- employment.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rush) "commending Thomas Beatty on the occasion of his retirement as Principal of Catholic Memorial School."

Thomas Beatty.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

*Emergency Preamble Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Denise Santos, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 3697), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 7 to 0.

Denise Santos,-- sick leave.

**The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Rush) and sent to the House for enactment.**

*Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.*

There being no objection, the following matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Groveland to continue the employment of Joseph Santapaola as Fire Lieutenant/EMT (Senate, No. 1585),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: "An Act authorizing the town of Groveland to continue the employment of Joseph Santapaola as a member of the Groveland fire department."**

Joseph Santapaola,-- employment.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The Senate Bill crediting the stabilization fund for the sale of Fuller School in the city of Gloucester (Senate, No. 2195),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: "An Act crediting the stabilization fund for the sale of the former Milton L. Fuller School property in the city of Gloucester."**

Gloucester,-- Fuller School sale.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

*Reports 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 Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to expungement from central registry.

Central registry,-- expunge. SD2418

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Lovely, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.**

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 William N. Brownsberger for legislation relative to freedom of expression for public school students.

Students,-- freedom of expression. SD2394

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

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 William N. Brownsberger for legislation relative to benzodiazepines and non-benzodiazepine hypnotics.

Hypnotics,-- benzodiazepines. SD2266

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Lovely, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.**

By Mr. Brownsberger, for the committee on the Judiciary, on petition, a Bill to establish a sick leave bank for Peter Ferony, an employee of the Massachusetts Trial Court (Senate, No. 2237).

Peter Ferony,-- sick leave.

**The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Eldridge, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kristen Casano, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance (Senate, No. 2236).

Kristen Casano,-- sick leave.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3861) of Ronald Mariano and John F. Keenan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Tanycha Bonilla, an employee of

Tanycha Bonilla,-- sick leave.

the Department of Children and Families; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3862) of Daniel M. Donahue and James J. O'Day for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Susan Purcell, an employee of the Department of Children and Families;

Susan Purcell,-- sick leave.

**Severally, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

*Recess.*

There being no objection, at twenty-two minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Rush) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at five minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair.

Recess.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

*Engrossed Bill—State Loan.*

An engrossed Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (see House Bill, printed in House No. 69) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage; and, this being a bill providing for the borrowing of money, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the question on passing it to be enacted was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at six minutes past twelve o'clock noon, as follows to wit (yeas 40 – nays 0) [**Yeas and Nays No. 63**]:

Roads and bridges.

**YEAS.**

- Barrett, Michael J.
- Boncore, Joseph A.
- Brady, Michael D.
- Brownsberger, William N.
- Chandler, Harriette L.
- Chang-Diaz, Sonia
- Collins, Nick
- Comerford, Joanne M.
- Creem, Cynthia Stone
- Crighton, Brendan P.
- Cyr, Julian
- deMacedo, Viriato M.
- DiDomenico, Sal N.
- DiZoglio, Diana
- Eldridge, James B.
- Fattman, Ryan C.
- Feeney, Paul R.
- Finegold, Barry R.
- Friedman, Cindy F.
- Gobi, Anne M.

- Hinds, Adam G.
- Humason, Donald F., Jr.
- Jehlen, Patricia D.
- Keenan, John F.
- Kennedy, Edward J.
- Lesser, Eric P.
- Lewis, Jason M.
- Lovely, Joan B.
- Montigny, Mark C.
- Moore, Michael O.
- O'Connor, Patrick M.
- Pacheco, Marc R.
- Rausch, Rebecca L.
- Rodrigues, Michael J.
- Rush, Michael F.
- Spilka, Karen E.
- Tarr, Bruce E.
- Timilty, Walter F.
- Tran, Dean A.
- Welch, James T. – 40.

**NAYS – 0.**

**The yeas and nays having been completed at sixteen minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the bill was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having agreed to pass the same, and it was signed by the President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

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*Engrossed Bills.*

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the President and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Authorizing the town of Blackstone to continue the employment of fire chief Michael Sweeney (see Senate, No. 1517); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Denise Santos, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Corrections (see House, No. 3697).

Bills laid before the Governor.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Orders of the Day were considered as follows:

The Senate Bill relative to hands free cell phone devices (Senate, No. 2198),-- was considered, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Hands free devices.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, substituting a new draft entitled “An Act preventing distracted driving” (Senate, No. 2216), and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Montigny moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting after the word “device”, in line 76, the following words:- “or use a mobile electronic device to compose, send or read an electronic message.

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After remarks, the question on adoption of the amendment was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at two minutes past one o’clock, P.M., as follows to wit (yeas 39 – nays 0) [**Yeas and Nays No. 64**]:

**YEAS.**

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| Barrett, Michael J.      | Hinds, Adam G.          |
| Boncore, Joseph A.       | Humason, Donald F., Jr. |
| Brady, Michael D.        | Jehlen, Patricia D.     |
| Brownsberger, William N. | Keenan, John F.         |
| Chandler, Harriette L.   | Kennedy, Edward J.      |
| Chang-Diaz, Sonia        | Lesser, Eric P.         |
| Collins, Nick            | Lewis, Jason M.         |
| Comerford, Joanne M.     | Lovely, Joan B.         |
| Creem, Cynthia Stone     | Montigny, Mark C.       |
| Crighton, Brendan P.     | Moore, Michael O.       |
| Cyr, Julian              | O'Connor, Patrick M.    |
| deMacedo, Viriato M.     | Pacheco, Marc R.        |
| DiDomenico, Sal N.       | Rausch, Rebecca L.      |
| DiZoglio, Diana          | Rodrigues, Michael J.   |
| Eldridge, James B.       | Rush, Michael F.        |
| Fattman, Ryan C.         | Tarr, Bruce E.          |
| Feeney, Paul R.          | Timilty, Walter F.      |
| Finegold, Barry R.       | Tran, Dean A.           |
| Friedman, Cindy F.       | Welch, James T. – 39.   |
| Gobi, Anne M.            |                         |

**NAYS – 0.**

**The yeas and nays having been completed at five minutes past one o’clock, P.M., the amendment was adopted.**

*Recess.*

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At seven minutes past one o'clock P.M., at the request of Mr. Tarr, for the purpose of a minority caucus, the President declared a recess; and, at five minutes before two o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair.

Recess.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The Senate Bill relative to hands free cell phone devices (Senate, No. 2198),-- was considered, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Hands free devices.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, substituting a new draft "An Act preventing distracted driving" (Senate, No. 2216), and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr Tarr moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting in line 78 after the word "device" the following:-"An operator of a motor vehicle who holds a mobile electronic device to the operator's ear while operating such vehicle may be considered evidence of a violation of this section."

8.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting in line 83 after the words, "first offense" the following:-"provided further, that the fine shall be suspended for a first time violator who provides proof of acquisition of a hands-free accessory subsequent to the violation but prior to the imposition of a fine subject to regulations promulgated by the executive office of public safety".

9.

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new draft be amended by adding the following section:-

16.

"SECTION 19. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the division of insurance shall conduct a study on the impact of reducing the amount of time unsafe driver points remain on a driver's record. The report and any recommendations shall be submitted to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the joint committee on transportation and the senate and house committees on ways and means not later than December 31, 2019."

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting in line 48 after the word "department" the following: "-", fire department or other emergency services including but not limited to emergency medical services".

17.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting in line 19 after the word "service" the following:-"including but not limited to emergency medical services".

20.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Fattman and O'Connor and Ms. Gobi moved that the proposed new draft be amended in section 16 by striking out subsection (a) of section 13B and inserting in place thereof the following:-

25.

"(a) For the purposes of this section, "emergency purposes" shall mean that the operator used the mobile electronic device for voice communication with another person because: (i) the motor vehicle was disabled; (ii) medical attention or assistance was required; (iii) the police or fire department intervention or some other emergency service was necessary for the safety of the operator, a passenger or a pedestrian in or near the roadway; (iv) a disabled vehicle or an accident was present in the roadway; (v) police intervention was necessary due to a motor vehicle being operated in a manner that poses a threat to the safety of travelers on the roadway or to pedestrians; or (vi) the operator or a

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passenger in the vehicle received an emergency call from a hospital, physician's office or an immediate family member."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor and Ms. Gobi moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting in line 31 after the word "service" the following:-"including but not limited to emergency medical services".

28.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Rodrigues moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting after the word "data", in line 118, the following words: "collected under the first paragraph"; and by inserting after the word "format", in line 119, the following words: "excluding any personally identifiable information".

29.

The amendment was adopted.

The Ways and Means amendment, as amended, was then adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2216, amended) was then ordered to a third reading and read third time.

The question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays at eight minutes past two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Boncore, as follows, to wit (yeas 40 – nays 0) [**Yeas and Nays No. 65**]:

**YEAS.**

Barrett, Michael J.	Hinds, Adam G.
Boncore, Joseph A.	Humason, Donald F., Jr.
Brady, Michael D.	Jehlen, Patricia D.
Brownsberger, William N.	Keenan, John F.
Chandler, Harriette L.	Kennedy, Edward J.
Chang-Diaz, Sonia	Lesser, Eric P.
Collins, Nick	Lewis, Jason M.
Comerford, Joanne M.	Lovely, Joan B.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Montigny, Mark C.
Crighton, Brendan P.	Moore, Michael O.
Cyr, Julian	O'Connor, Patrick M.
deMacedo, Viriato M.	Pacheco, Marc R.
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Rausch, Rebecca L.
DiZoglio, Diana	Rodrigues, Michael J.
Eldridge, James B.	Rush, Michael F.
Fattman, Ryan C.	Spilka, Karen E.
Feeney, Paul R.	Tarr, Bruce E.
Finegold, Barry R.	Timilty, Walter F.
Friedman, Cindy F.	Tran, Dean A.
Gobi, Anne M.	Welch, James T. – 40.

**NAYS – 0.**

**The yeas and nays having been completed at eleven minutes past two o'clock, P.M., the bill was passed to be engrossed. [For text of Senate Bill, printed as amended, see Senate, No. 2245].**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

*Resolutions.*

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

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk by Mr. Tarr, Ms. Spilka, Messrs. Rush Barrett and Brady, Ms. Chandler, Ms. Creem, Messrs. Crighton, Cyr,

The Allied Invasion of Normandy,

deMacedo and DiDomenico, Ms. DiZoglio, Messrs. Eldridge, Fattman, Feeney and Finegold, Ms. Friedman, Ms. Gobi, Messrs. Hinds, and Humason, Ms. Jehlen, Messrs. Keenan and Lesser, Ms. Lovely, Messrs. Montigny, Moore, O'Connor, Pacheco, Rodrigues, Tran, Welch, Collins and Boncore) were considered forthwith, read and adopted, as follows:

France.

**Commemorating the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the Allied Invasion of Normandy, France, during World War II.**

*Whereas*, on June 6, 1944, more than 160,000 allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavily-fortified French coastline in Normandy, France to combat the axis powers and this year marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the allied invasion known as “Operation Overlord”; and

*Whereas*, Supreme Allied Commander General Dwight D. Eisenhower called Operation Overlord “The Great Crusade” in which “we will accept nothing less than full victory”; and

*Whereas*, the naval assault phase on Normandy was code-named “Operation Neptune” and the June sixth assault date is referred to as “D-Day” to denote the day on which the invasion was launched; and

*Whereas*, soldiers of 6 divisions, composed of 3 American, 2 British and 1 Canadian Division, stormed ashore in 5 main landing areas on the beaches in Normandy that were code-named “Utah”, “Omaha”, “Gold”, “Juno” and “Sword”; and

*Whereas*, more than 20,000 soldiers representing the American 82nd Airborne Division, the American 101st Airborne Division, soldiers in the glider units and British paratroopers participated in “Mission Detroit” and “Mission Chicago” to land behind enemy lines and to secure landing fields in the 24 hours preceding the amphibious landing; and

*Whereas*, the D-Day landing was the largest single amphibious assault in history and consisted of approximately 31,000 members of the United States Armed Forces and more than 3,000 vehicles that embarked on 208 vessels from Weymouth and Portsmouth, England; and

*Whereas*, of the estimated 9,400 casualties incurred by allied forces on the first day of the landing, an estimated 5,400 casualties were members of the United States Armed Forces; and

*Whereas*, of the numerous service members buried in the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in Normandy, France, 411 of them enlisted in the Commonwealth; and

*Whereas*, only 5 days after the initial landing, allied forces secured a beachhead that was 50 miles long and 12 miles deep and was occupied by more than 325,000 soldiers; and

*Whereas*, planned for over 2 years by allied forces, the D-Day invasion was an intricate coordination of the world’s greatest military forces and an exercise in cooperation that marked the turning point of World War II and of the world’s history; and

*Whereas*, in 2018, there were approximately 496,700 surviving veterans of World War II, with 12,958 in the commonwealth passing away at a rate of approximately 350 each day ; and

*Whereas*, members of “The Greatest Generation” assumed the task of cooperating to free the world from Nazi and fascist regimes and restore liberty to Europe; now therefore be it

Resolved, the Massachusetts Senate hereby commemorates the seventy-fifth anniversary of the allied invasion of Normandy, France during World War II , also known as D-Day, and further expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the members of the United

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States Armed Forces and the Allied Forces for their cooperation and sacrifice in this critical battle to secure liberation from Nazi and fascist regimes; and be it further

Resolved, that copies of these Resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the Clerk of the Senate to the Disabled American Veterans Department of Massachusetts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, National Association of American Veterans and the American Legion.

At the request of the President, the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of those who lost their lives during the Allied Invasion of Normandy, France, during World War II.

Moment of Silence.

The question on the adoption of the resolutions was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at twenty minutes past two o'clock, P.M., on motion of Mr. Timilty, as follows to wit (yeas 40 – nays 0) **[Yeas and Nays No. 66]:**

**YEAS.**

Barrett, Michael J.  
Boncore, Joseph A.  
Brady, Michael D.  
Brownsberger, William N.  
Chandler, Harriette L.  
Chang-Diaz, Sonia  
Collins, Nick  
Comerford, Joanne M.  
Creem, Cynthia Stone  
Crighton, Brendan P.  
Cyr, Julian  
deMacedo, Viriato M.  
DiDomenico, Sal N.  
DiZoglio, Diana  
Eldridge, James B.  
Fattman, Ryan C.  
Feeney, Paul R.  
Finegold, Barry R.  
Friedman, Cindy F.  
Gobi, Anne M.

Hinds, Adam G.  
Humason, Donald F., Jr.  
Jehlen, Patricia D.  
Keenan, John F.  
Kennedy, Edward J.  
Lesser, Eric P.  
Lewis, Jason M.  
Lovely, Joan B.  
Montigny, Mark C.  
Moore, Michael O.  
O'Connor, Patrick M.  
Pacheco, Marc R.  
Rausch, Rebecca L.  
Rodrigues, Michael J.  
Rush, Michael F.  
Spilka, Karen E.  
Tarr, Bruce E.  
Timilty, Walter F.  
Tran, Dean A.  
Welch, James T. – 40.

**NAYS – 0.**

The yeas and nays having been completed at twenty-three minutes past two o'clock, P.M., the resolutions were adopted.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Ms. DiZoglio--

*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 President, the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Ralph Vaccaro.

Moment of Silence.

*Adjournment in Memory of Ralph Vaccaro*

The Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Finegold, and the Senator from Plymouth

and Barnstable, Mr. deMacedo, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Ralph Vaccaro of Falmouth.

Ralph Vaccaro of Falmouth passed away on April 16 at the age of 99, just two weeks shy of his 100th birthday.

Ralph was a modern-day renaissance man. He was an Army medic in World War II, an internationally recognized marine biologist, a violinist, a pilot, and a youth hockey and Little League coach. He was also an avid curler, and in June of 2018 Guinness World Records recognized him as the world's oldest curler.

Ralph was born and raised in Somerville, and earned degrees from Tufts and MIT. When his health prevented him from serving as a Navy pilot, Ralph enlisted in the Marines. He was then switched over to the Army, which needed more medics. He served as an Army medic in the European theater of World War II, including during the Battle of the Bulge.

When he returned home from the war, Ralph worked briefly for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health before taking a job at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. In his 37 years at Woods Hole he engaged in groundbreaking scientific research that was featured in the New York Times and in scientific journals around the world.

He also stayed busy outside of work. He played violin in the Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra, served as a volunteer firefighter, coached youth hockey and baseball, and maintained a lively bocce court. After retiring he worked as a chemistry lab instructor at Falmouth High School and sang in his church choir. It was also in retirement that he discovered curling – at the age of 87.

Despite his many accomplishments, Ralph never sought the spotlight. He is remembered by those who knew him as loving, kind, and humble.

Ralph was a proud husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Martha; his daughter Addie; his sons, Mark, Pete, Chris, and Jack; 19 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son, Tom; brother, Albert; and sisters, Adelaide and Virginia.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Ralph Vaccaro, at a half past two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Brownsberger, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.