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

The Chair (Mr. Crighton), 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. Crighton) introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, members of his family that were visiting from Ft. Myers, Florida and Charlotte, North Carolina. Among the group were: his grandmother, Joan Olson, his aunt and uncle, Anne and Mark, and their children, Gunnar and Eric. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Olson family.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Comerford) "commending the Regional Tibetan Association of Massachusetts on its observance of the eighty-second birthday of the Dalai Lama"; and

Regional Tibetan Association of Massachusetts.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Comerford) "commemorating the UMass Transit Service on the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment."

UMass Transit Service.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preamble Adopted; Engrossed Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kyle Minnicucci, an employee of the department of State Police (see House, No. 3901), 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 2 to 0.

Kyle Minnicucci,-- sick leave.

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

Subsequently, the bill, which originated in the House, came from the House with the endorsement that it had been enacted in that branch.

The Senate then passed the bill to be enacted; and it was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Crighton) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Crighton), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Muriel R. Foster.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow 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 Muriel R. Foster

The Senator from Bristol and Plymouth, Mr. Montigny, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Muriel R. Foster.

Muriel R. Foster, who was an inspiration to all who knew and loved her, lost her courageous eleven year battle with cancer on June 20, 2019 at the age of 72. Muriel was the daughter of the late Adelard and Lucinda Gagnier. Born and raised in New Bedford, Massachusetts, Muriel lived most of her life in New Bedford and the neighboring town of Fairhaven. A graduate of New Bedford Vocational High School, Muriel dedicated 22 years of her career to the Bristol County District Attorney's Office. Muriel was strong, witty, charming, kind, caring, sensitive, funny and always willing to help anyone in need. She was an active volunteer for the American Cancer Society, and served on the Daffodil Committee for many years. She loved animals and also enjoyed gardening and cooking.

Muriel is survived by her loving sister and best friend, Terri C. Nowell; her companion, Stanley Jasinski; her cousin, Yvette Poirier Gracie; and her many friends and colleagues from the Bristol County District Attorney's Office..

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Muriel R. Foster, at twenty-four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.