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**THURSDAY, JULY 11 2019.**

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Thursday, July 11, 2019.

Met at a quarter past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Lovely in the Chair).

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

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Pledge of Allegiance.

### *Communication.*

Communication from the Massachusetts Legislative Chamber of Commerce Caucus relative to the creation of said caucus (received July 11, 2019),-- **was placed on file.**

COC Caucus,--  
creation.  
SD2493

### *Petition.*

Mr. Timilty presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2290) of Walter F. Timilty, Michael D. Brady, Michelle M. DuBois and Alyson M. Sullivan (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide for recall elections in the town of East Bridgewater [Local approval received];

East Bridgewater,--  
recall elections.

**Referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Election Laws.  
Sent to the House for concurrence.**

### *Committee Discharged.*

Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the House Bill relative to certain affordable housing in the South End section of the city of Boston (House, No. 3696),-- and recommending that the same be referred to the Senate committee on Rules.

South End,--  
affordable housing.

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

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

### *Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Lovely), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Spiro N. Kounsaliuh.

Moment of Silence.

### *Message from His Excellency the Governor.*

Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair, a message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to public safety and transparency by transportation network companies (Senate, No. 2289) (received in the office of the Clerk of the Senate on Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at twenty-nine minutes past two o'clock P.M.)

Transportation  
network companies,--  
public safety.

**The message was read; and, under Senate Rule 20, with the accompanying bill, was referred to the committee on Transportation.**

**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. O'Connor) "congratulating Doctor Dorothy "Dot" Galo on the occasion of her retirement as Superintendent of Hingham Schools."

Doctor Dorothy  
"Dot" Galo

*Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House bill relative to appraisal management companies (House, No. 3904),-- ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2288; and by striking out the title and inserting the following title "An Act providing for the regulation of appraisal management companies".

Appraisal  
management  
companies.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.**

**The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading.**

*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 House Bill authorizing the town of Medfield to enter into a long-term lease for an arts and cultural center (House, No. 3643),-- was read a third time.

Medfield,-- arts and  
cultural center.

Pending the question of passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Feeney presented an amendment in section 1, by striking out, in line 5, the words " , together with the surrounding land" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "and only the adjacent land on the developed campus of the former Medfield state hospital, not to include any land previously authorized or directed to be transferred or dedicated as open space, recreation, agriculture or conservation land in any other general or special law affecting the Medfield state hospital holdings"; and

In section 2, by inserting after the word "contrary", in line 9, the following words:- " , but subject to subsections (a), (b) and (g) of said section 16 of said chapter 30B."

**The amendment was adopted.**

**The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with the amendment.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.**

The Senate Bill revising the charter of the town of Groton (Senate, No. 1192) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Groton,--  
charter.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3966) of Christopher Hendricks and Susannah M. Whipps relative to civil actions for unfair or deceptive practices,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.**

Deceptive practices,--  
civil actions.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tarr--

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at two o'clock P.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

*Adjournment in Memory of Spiro N. Kounsaliéh*

The Senator from Essex, Ms. Lovely, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Spiro N. Kounsaliéh.

Spiro N. Kounsaliéh, age 64, husband of Dr. Demetra Karlis-Kounsaliéh, passed away after a four-year battle with brain cancer. Born in Latakia, Syria, he was the son of the late Michael and Theodora (Issa) Kounsaliéh. Spiro grew up with his three brothers and two sisters and assumed responsibility for his family at a young age due to the early death of his father. Taking responsibility for his family and others followed Spiro throughout his life. Spiro had a great love of the seas and became a merchant marine on commercial ships and rose to the title of captain at the young age of 23. He lived in Greece for many years working as a marketing manager on cargo ships.

In 1985 at the age of 32, Spiro emigrated to the United States. In 1986, he became the owner of The Witches Brew Café in Salem. Spiro loved the Witches Brew and everyone who worked and dined there. He was always helping others by giving them a chance with employment or other forms of assistance and support. He loved to cook and would often experiment with new recipes that he shared with all. It was not unusual to see Spiro serving meals to patrons, talking with them and making new friends who would return for years. Spiro worked very hard and loved every minute of it.

More than anything, Spiro loved his family. In addition to his wife, Demetra, he leaves his children, Dr. John S. Kounsaliéh of Boston and Maria Kounsaliéh of Salem. Spiro also leaves his brothers and sisters Nowel, Eli, Ida, George and Salim (Sonny) and special nephew, Noor. They would come to the Witches Brew often to visit and share a meal together. Spiro also leaves a very special friend, Shahin, who was with him during his journey and never stopped supporting him during the challenges of his illness. He also leaves a large extended family and many friends.

Spiro was a kind, generous, thoughtful, giving, extraordinary man. He had a strong love for the community of Salem and he cherished all the love and support they gave him. He will live on in the hearts of his family and friends forever.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Spiro N. Kounsaliéh, at a half past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at two o'clock P.M.