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At a General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, held on the first Wednesday, being the first day of January, in the year two thousand and twenty, and the two hundred and forty-fourth of the independence of the United States of America, a quorum of the members of the Senate, elected for a term of two years at an election held on Tuesday next after the first Monday of November in the year 2018, assembled at twenty-seven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., in the Senate Chamber, and were called to order by the Honorable Karen E. Spilka.

The President, members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag

Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guest.

There being no objection, the President handed the gavel to Mr. Collins for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Collins then introduced a great citizen activist who happens to play on the Boston Celtics, Jaylen Brown. Mr. Brown was formally recognized for his philanthropic and personal leadership in our community and was presented with a Senate Citation for his philanthropic work. He was accompanied by his mother, Mechalle Brown and his brother Quenton Brown. Mr. Brown briefly addressed the Senate, signed the guest book and withdrew from the Chamber. He was the guest of Senator Collins.

Jaylen Brown.

Orders Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate is now assembled and ready to proceed to business.

Notify House of Representatives.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That a committee of members of the Senate and the House of Representatives be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, Charles D. Baker, Lieutenant-Governor Karyn E. Polito and the Honorable Council and inform them that the two branches of the General Court are now assembled and ready to proceed to business.

Notification of Governor and Council.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That the Clerk begin the daily printing of the Journal of the Senate, as authorized by Senate Rule 6, and that the daily reading thereof be dispensed with; that, under authority of Section 22A of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, copies of the Journals of the entire session be printed and bound with the customary appendices and an index; and that a certified copy thereof be deposited with the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the official bound Journal of the Senate.

Printing of the Senate Journal.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

On motion of Mr. Timilty,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow next at eleven o'clock A.M., in a full formal session without a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at thirteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.