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Met at ten minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger 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. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Reports.

The following reports were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Report of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (pursuant to Section 79(h) of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for 2019 (received January 23, 2020); and

MRC,-- 2019 annual report. SD2775

Report of the Center for Health Information and Analysis (pursuant to Section 24 of Chapter 12C of the General Laws, as added by Section 11 of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019) submitting its Continuous Skilled Nursing (CSN) Care Biennial Study (received January 24, 2020).

CHIA,-- CSN care study. SD2776

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Chang- Diaz, for the committee on Cannabis Policy, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1126), a Bill relative to host community agreements (Senate, No. 2479);

Marijuana,-- host community agreements.

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

Committees Discharged.

Mr. Lewis, for the committee on Education, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 313) of Joan B. Lovely, Kay Khan, Bradley H. Jones, Jr., John Barrett, III and other members of the General Court for legislation to prevent the sexual abuse of children and youths,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Sexual abuse,-- children.

Ms. Comerford, for the committee on Public Health, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1242) of Diana DiZoglio for legislation relative to products used on newborn infants; and

Newborn infant,-- products.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1316) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Kay Khan, Rebecca L. Rausch, Adam G. Hinds and others for legislation to establish a newborn health and safe sleep pilot program;

Safe sleep,-- pilot program.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Severally, under Senate Rule 36, the reports were considered forthwith and accepted.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the appointing authority of the town of Bridgewater to appoint police cadets (House, No. 3677, amended,-- on Senate, No. 2219) [Local approval received on House, No. 3677 and Senate, No. 2219],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Bridgewater,--
police cadets.

A report of the committee on Public Service, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2353) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and others relative to the public employee retirement investment committee membership, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Financial Services,— **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

Public employee
retirement,--
committee
membership.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. DiZoglio, Messrs. Barrett, Boncore, Collins and Brady, Ms. Chandler, Ms. Comerford, Messrs. Crighton, Cyr, DiDomenico, Eldridge, Fattman, Feeney and Finegold, Ms. Gobi, Ms. Jehlen, Messrs. Keenan, Kennedy and Lesser, Ms. Lovely, Messrs. Montigny, Moore, O'Connor and Pacheco, Ms. Rausch, Messrs. Rodrigues, Tarr, Timilty, Tran and Welch) "congratulating Michael J. Sullivan on the occasion of his retirement after twenty-five years of public service."

Michael J. Sullivan

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 conveyance of a fee interest in land in the town of Marion (House, No. 4038) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Marion,--
land conveyance.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4331) of William J. Driscoll, Jr. that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be directed to establish memorial markers in the towns of Milton and Canton in memory of certain law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.**

Milton and Canton,--
memorial markers.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill allowing the city of Westfield to set the salary of the city clerk as the clerk of the city council through local process (see Senate, No. 2197) (which originated in the Senate), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before
Governor.

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., in a full formal session with a calendar.

Time of meeting.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Michael “Mik” Monti.

Moment of Silence.

Adjournment in Memory of Michael “Mik” Monti.

The Senator from Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden, Mr. Hinds, requested that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Michael “Mik” Monti.

Michael “Mik” Monti was born April 18, 1961 in Meriden, CT to John and Virginia Monti. He was a graduate of Platt High School and Middlesex Community College. He passed away unexpectedly on December 3, 2019.

He met his wife, Sharon Donovan, in 1991 at Camp Jewell YMCA where they both worked. They were married on December 2, 1994 and had one daughter together, Bridget Monti on October 21, 1995.

Mik touched countless lives in his work as a cook and food service director at Camp Jewell and Chimney Corners Camp. He showed his care and love for others through providing food, conversation, laughs, advice, and comfort to all who needed it. Food was not just a part of his professional life, but also a personal passion that he loved to perfect.

Mik had a passion for music that he shared with many as lead singer for the bands Zoid and GRIDLOCK. His most memorable recent performance was in 2018, when he was able to perform with his friend Ritchie Moore at Bridget’s wedding to Ryan O’Rourke.

Mik was also a huge sports fan. The New York Yankees were a big part of his life and he loved attending games with friends and family whenever possible. He also loved NASCAR as he frequented races in the Pocono’s with friends and family.

Through his work, Mik touched the lives of many serving as an important example for others to follow and to live by.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Michael “Mik” Monti, at fourteen 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.