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Thursday, March 19, 2020.

Met at four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Rodrigues 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. Rodrigues), 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 Division of Banks (pursuant to Section 24(c) of Chapter 21 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its approval of the merger of the Depositors Insurance Fund and the Co-operative Central Bank and the amended by-laws of the Depositors Insurance Fund (received March 17, 2020); and

DOB,-- merger approval report. SD2875

Report of the Special Commission to Plan, Develop and Implement Strategies to Support and Promote Minority-Owned Real Estate and Financial Services Organizations in the Commonwealth (pursuant to Section 61 of Chapter 228 of the Acts of 2018) submitting its report describing barriers and recommendations (received March 17, 2020).

Special Commission on Minority-Owned Real Estate,-- report. SD2876

Petition.

Mr. Feeney presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul R. Feeney, James J. O'Day, Tami L. Gouveia, Stephan Hay and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide certain state employees sick leave for COVID-19 related absences;

COVID-19,-- sick leave. SD2870

Referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Election Laws, on petition, a Bill relative to early voting (Senate, No. 386);

Early voting.

By Ms. Gobi, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on petition, a Bill to improve notice requirements of hazardous waste release (Senate, No. 454);

Hazardous waste release,-- notice requirements.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 468, 471, 472, 473, 474, 476, 479 and 487 and House, Nos. 782, 835, 884 and 887, a Bill relative to outdoor heritage (Senate, No. 2501);

Outdoor heritage.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 505 and House, No. 823, a Bill concerning the use of animals in product testing (Senate, No. 2504); and

Animals,-- product testing.

By Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Housing, on petition, a Bill relative to credit building (Senate, No. 798);

Rental payments,-- credit building.

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

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By Mr. Pacheco, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill relative to the flying of the flag of the Commonwealth at half staff on state buildings and installations (Senate, No. 1914);

State buildings,--
flying of the flag.

Read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Election Laws, on the recommitted petition, a Bill providing for recall elections in the town of East Bridgewater (Senate, No. 2290) [Local approval received];

East Bridgewater,--
recall elections.

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

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jessica Renehan, an employee of the department of conservation and recreation (see House, No. 4410), 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 3 to 0.

Jessica Renehan,--
sick leave.

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

Reports of a Committee.

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matters be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The Senate Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Taunton the PFC Aaron Cordoba-Martinez Bridge (Senate, No. 2132).

Taunton,-- Aaron
Cordoba-Martinez
Bridge.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Rausch, and the bill 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 designating a certain bridge in the city of Taunton as the Private First Class Aaron Cordoba-Martinez Bridge".

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill validating actions taken in connection with a special town election in the town of Oakham (Senate, No. 2394).

Oakham,--
town election.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4579) of Patricia A. Haddad and Michael J. Rodrigues for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Racquel Jean-Louis, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

Racquel Jean-Louis,-
- sick leave.

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Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the House), 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 Acting President (Mr. Rodrigues) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Authorizing the town of Norwood to continue the employment of police chief William G. Brooks, III (see House, No. 2356); and

Bills laid before the Governor.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jessica Renehan, an employee of the department of conservation and recreation (see House, No. 4410).

Recess.

There being no objection, at seventeen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Rodrigues) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at seven minutes past three o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Rodrigues the Chair.

Recess.

Moment of Silence.

The Chair (Mr. Rodrigues), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of David Lane.

Moment of Silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Timilty,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., and the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of David Lane.

The Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of former U.S. Navy veteran and member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, David Lane of Essex, who died on February 13, 2020 at the age of 92.

Dave was an incredibly accomplished individual who inspired all those who had the pleasure of being around him. Growing up, Dave attended Harvard University and graduated with a degree in Engineering. During his time at Harvard, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served toward the end of WWII. Once he met his lovely wife, Claire Beckham, in New York City, the two decided to move to his family farm in Essex, MA. During his career, Dave served as the Chairman of Hastings-Tapley Insurance Agency and in 2014 was even awarded "Insurance Professional of the Year" by Insurance Liberty Association in Boston. In addition to his insurance background, Dave was highly-active in elective public service and had never lost an election in over three decades. When elected to serve on the Massachusetts House of Representatives, Dave represented several towns including his home town, Gloucester, MA. Dave's commitment to his community was evident from his time serving as Essex Town Moderator for 25 years and his involvement as a Trustee of City on a Hill Charter High School as well as a member on the Board of Directors of Oak Hill. Dave was consistently looking for ways to get involved and better the lives of those around him. His Charity work is one of the many things that show his commitment to education, environment, and local historic preservation.

Outside of his impressive career and philanthropic contributions, Dave loved to travel

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the world and spend quality time with his loving family. He was able to visit every continent and even swam in the Antarctic Ocean. He loved his small town of Essex, MA. And enjoyed supporting local businesses and improving his community in any way he could. He will be dearly missed by many, but continued to be celebrated for his remarkable contributions and lasting impact on so many lives. He will forever be in our hearts.

Dave is predeceased by his wife, Claire, and survived by his sister Judy (Schroeter) of Hingham, daughter Heather (John) Daley of Wellesley, son Jud (Tina) Lane of Essex, and four grandchildren, Erin, David, Tara, and Jordan as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of David Lane, at twenty-one minutes past three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Fattman, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.