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Monday, August 3, 2020.

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Engrossed Bill — Laid Before the Governor.

An engrossed Bill financing the general governmental infrastructure of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 4932) (which originated in the House), having been passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Ms. Friedman) on Saturday, August 1, 2020 (being the legislative session of Friday, July 31, 2020),-- was laid before the Governor for his approbation on Monday, August 3, 2020.

Bill laid before the Governor.

Order.

Mr. Eldridge presented an Order relative to granting the committee on the Judiciary until June 30, 2020, within which time to make its final report on certain current Senate documents relative Judiciary (Senate, No. 2885).

The Judiciary,-- extension order.

Referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Petition.

Mr. Brownsberger (by request) presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jonathan Green for legislation relative to the ban of menthol tobacco;

Menthol tobacco,-- ban.

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

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2701), a Bill relative to emergency paid sick time (Senate No. 2882);

Sick time,-- emergency.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the Nauset regional school district to enter into renewable energy agreements (House, no. 4830,-- on House, No. 4758),-- was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

Nauset regional school district,-- renewable energy.

Bills

To promote the well-being of minor children living with guardians (House, No. 4924,-- on House, No. 1396);

To preserve the practice of including annual payments in lieu of vacation as regular

Retirees,-- vacation

compensation for current retirees and active retirement system members where such benefit existed as of May 2018 (House, No. 4925,-- on House, No. 4133);

payments.

To create the Leo M. Birmingham Parkway Trust Fund (House, No. 4926,-- on House, No. 4033); and

Leo M. Birmingham Parkway Trust Fund.

Prohibiting discrimination based on natural hairstyles (House, No. 4930,-- on House, No. 4295);

Natural hairstyles,-- discrimination.

**Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

*Emergency Preamble Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land to the city of Newton (see House, No. 4892), 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.

Newton,- land conveyance.

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

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Boncore), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection in honor of Peter M. Kopanon.

Moment of silence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

*Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill relative to the disability retirement of Ryan Moore and Donald Demiranda, police officers in the town of Falmouth (see House Bill, printed in House, No. 4666) (which originated in the House), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having voted in the affirmative, and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Boncore) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

*Recess.*

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

Recess.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tran,--

*Ordered,* That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again Thursday next 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 Peter Kopanon.*

The Senator from First Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, presented a request that when the Senate adjourns it adjourns in the member of Peter M. Kopanon, 91 of Essex, who passed away on June 1, 2020.

Peter was born in Gloucester on November 5, 1928, the son of the late Michael and Camille (Massura) Kopanon. He served in the U.S. Army in Munich, West Germany during the Korean Conflict, after which he joined the Registry of Motor Vehicles and retired in 1991 as the Deputy Registrar.

Peter was a resident of Essex for 65 years, taking enormous pride in looking after his home. He tended his vegetable gardens and apple trees, and over the years raised sheep, cattle, ponies, chickens, turkeys, geese, and bees. Until his death, he was known to work on several projects at once and rarely sat idle. He never failed to put aside whatever he was doing to help his friends, neighbors, and family. Peter was a true gentleman with a love of conversation, inherent curiosity, and boundless generosity.

Above all else, Peter's greatest joy was his family. He was predeceased by his wife Helen L. (Story) Kopanon with whom he shared fifty years of marriage. He is survived by his four children, eleven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. Peter is also survived by his sister, Stella Gallant of Winchester and brother, Nicholas Kopanon of Florida, many nieces and nephews and his beloved dog, Jocko. He was predeceased by his brothers, Christopher and A. Michael Kopanon.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Peter Kopanon at one minute past one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tran, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.