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**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020**

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Monday, November 16, 2020.

Met at eight 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).

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

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Pledge of allegiance.

### *Order.*

Mr. Eldridge presented an Order relative to granting the committee on the Judiciary until December 30, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2818, relative to address estate recovery issues due to COVID-19 (Senate, No. 2952);

Judiciary,-- extension order.

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

### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Eldridge, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, Nos. 313, 823, 825, 861, 899, 902, 937, 939, 978, 983, 989, 1041, 1385, 2480, 2571, 2644, 2815, 2850 and 2921, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on the Judiciary to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to judiciary issues (Senate, No. 2953);

Judiciary committee,-  
- study.

**Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

By Mr. Eldridge, for the committee on the Judiciary, on petition, a Bill relative to sealing of records pursuant to Section 100C of Chapter 276 (Senate, No. 2457); and

Sealing of records.

By Ms. Comerford, for the committee on Public Health, on petition, a Bill relative to accelerating improvements to the local and regional public health system to address disparities in the delivery of public health services (Senate, No. 2922);

Public health system,--  
improvements.

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

### PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2021 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 5151,-- on House, No. 2, in part),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

General appropriations bill.

### *Report of a Committee.*

By Ms. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2021 for the maintenance of the departments, boards,

General appropriation bill.

commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 5151),-- ought to pass, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 4.

[Direct Appropriation:	\$45,386,841,824
Retained Revenue Authorization:	\$726,940,109
Total:	\$46,113,781,933];

**Pursuant to an order previously adopted, the bill was placed in the Orders of the Day for Tuesday, November 17, 2020, for a second reading with the amendment pending.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

*Emergency Preamble Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marshall Bickford, an employee of the department of unemployment assistance (see Senate, No. 2925), 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.

Marshall Bickford,--  
sick leave.

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

*Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Gardner as the Corporal Lawrence L. Lukasevicius Memorial Bridge (see House, No. 3191) (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 and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Boncore) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before  
Governor.

*Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.*

The following matter was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Carissa Sinclair, an employee of the department of mental health (House, No. 4875) (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.**

Carissa Sinclair,--  
sick leave.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at ten 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. Boncore), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Dr. Kosta Tsipios.

Moment of silence.

*Adjournment in Memory of Dr. Kosta Tsipios.*

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, presented a request that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Dr. Kosta Tsipis.

Dr. Kosta Tsipis, of Brookline, passed away Saturday, November 7th at the age of 86. Born in Greece, Dr. Tsipis moved to the United States in 1954 to pursue Physics and Engineering, later joining the MIT Physics Department, founding and serving as the Director of the program in Science and Technology for International Security. He was awarded the Leo Szilard Lectureship Award in 1984 for outstanding accomplishments in physics for the benefit of society and was known as a prominent voice for disarmament during the Cold War. In addition to authoring multiple books and publications, Dr. Tsipis traveled to Washington D.C. to lobby the federal government on the disastrous consequences of nuclear weapons.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Dr. Kosta Tsipis, at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at ten o'clock A.M.