

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021.**

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Thursday, January 21, 2021.

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

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Pledge of allegiance.

### *Communication.*

Communication from the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (pursuant to line item 4120-0200 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) submitting its Independent Living Centers Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Activities Report (received January 20, 2021),-- **was placed on file.**

MRC,-- ILC report.  
SD176

### *Reports.*

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

Report of the State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (pursuant to Section 18N(b) of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its annual report (received January 19, 2021); and

DV review team,--  
annual report.  
SD162

Report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (pursuant to Section 131Y of Chapter 140 of the General Laws) submitting its Statutory Report on Extreme Risk Protective Orders for calendar year 2020 (received January 20, 2021).

EOTC,-- 2020 ERPO  
report.  
SD174

### PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointment by the Speaker:

Representative Duffy of Holyoke to the special joint oversight committee established (under House order No. 4835 of the 191st General Court) to make an investigation and study of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke COVID-19 outbreak, to fill an existing vacancy.

Holyoke Soldiers'  
Home,--  
investigation.

### *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Eldridge) "congratulating Mary-Lee King on the occasion of her retirement as Deputy Commissioner at the Department of Fish and Game."

Mary-Lee King.

### *Report of a Committee.*

By Ms. Lovely, for the temporary committee on Rules, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Alexis Orloff, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office (Senate, No. 6).

Alexis Orloff,--  
sick leave.

**The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, 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 Bill establishing a sick leave bank for George Monfreda, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 54, amended,-- on petition),-- was read.

George Monfreda,--  
sick leave.

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

*Emergency Preamble Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for George Monfreda, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see House, No. 54, amended), 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.

Id

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

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

*Ordered,* That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Time of meeting.

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Timilty), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Antonio "Tony" Dias Chaves.

Moment of silence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

*Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for George Monfreda, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see House, No. 54, amended) (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. Timilty) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before the  
Governor.

*Adjournment in Memory of Antonio "Tony" Dias Chaves.*

The Senator from Middlesex and Worcester, Mr. Eldridge, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it adjourn in memory of Antonio "Tony" Dias Chaves.

Antonio “Tony” Dias Chaves passed away on December 31, 2020 at the age of 71 after a brief but courageous battle with COVID-19. He was predeceased by his brother Abilio who passed on October 6th. Tony is survived by his wife of 41 years Zulia, his son Derek, several brothers and sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

Tony was born and raised in the Azores, Portugal where he made many lifelong friends. In 1967, he immigrated to the United States of America with his family, eventually settling in Hudson, Massachusetts. Tony enlisted in the Army during Vietnam, serving his country with pride and honor until 1972. In 1973, he started the Portugal 73 radio show with his close friends that ran until December of 2019 and was one of the oldest continually running Portuguese radio shows in the world.

In 1978, he became the first elected Portuguese selectman in Hudson and second elected in all of Massachusetts. Tony was awarded one of the highest civilian honors bestowed by the Portuguese Government, the Order of Merit.

Tony worked as a public servant for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Department of Environmental Affairs, and the Office of Refugees and Immigrants. Tony would later work for the United States Department of Homeland Security as a TSA officer, and as a member of the TSA Honor Guard.

Tony loved his family and living life, and his legacy will live on through his contributions to his community.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Antonio “Tony” Dias Chaves, at XX minutes before twelve o’clock noon, on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M.