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**MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021.**

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Monday, January 25, 2021.

Met at twenty-one minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Friedman 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 (Ms. Friedman), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Center for Health Information and Analysis (pursuant to Section 38C of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its mandated benefit reviews for S597 An Act providing coverage for hearing aids and S540 An Act providing hearing aids for persons with sensory impairedness, filed in the 191st General Court (received January 22, 2021),-- was placed on file.

CHIA,-- mandated benefit reviews. SD185

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Sections 5, 20 and 21 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to the inspection of the Franklin County Jail and House of Correction (received January 25, 2021), and

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD190

Report of the District Attorney for Hampden County (pursuant to Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of wiretap interceptions for the calendar year 2020 (received January 25, 2021).

Hampden DA,-- wiretap. SD198

Order Adopted.

Ordered, That a convention of the two Houses be held at eleven o'clock A.M., on Wednesday, January 27, for the purpose of administering the oath of office to Councillor-Elect Mary E. Hurley of East Longmeadow.

Joint convention of the two branches

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Alexis Orloff, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office (see Senate, No. 6), 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.

Alexis Orloff,-- sick leave.

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

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Eldridge) “congratulating the town of Ayer on the celebration of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of its establishment.”

Ayer,-- 150<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Tarr), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory Joseph Ernest Pascucci.

Moment of silence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

*Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Alexis Orloff, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office (see Senate, No. 6) (which originated in the Senate), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, after remarks, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Ms. Friedman) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before the  
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 full formal session with a calendar.

Time of meeting.

*Adjournment in Memory of Joseph “Joe” Ernest Pascucci.*

The Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory Joseph “Joe” Ernest Pascucci, 70, of Middleton who passed away unexpectedly on January 4th.

Joe was born on January 13, 1950, in Revere to Antonio “Tony” and Evelyn Pascucci. He was the oldest brother to Stephen “Stevie” Pascucci and Anthony M. Pascucci. He was a graduate of Boston Trade. He raised his family in Middleton and was known lovingly as Papa Joe.

Joe worked as a professional baseball umpire for over 25 years. He was a part of the MLB Gulf Coast League (July 1970 to July 1971), Florida State League (June 1971 to June 1973), Southern League (January 1973 to January 1976), and Pacific Coast League (December 1975 to December 1977), and then moving to Double-A Baseball after, allowing him to travel to almost every state in the continental US and abroad, including Mexico and South America.

Aside from being on the baseball field, Joseph was an assistant football coach at Curry College alongside his best friend, Michael Brown. Later in his life, Joseph was a football official for the ANEFO association and other various MA football associations. He never truly gave up on the chance to coach football again and was the Assistant Head Football Coach to Lynn Classical High School. Joe also worked for a number of years for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at the Department of Unemployment and Training.

Joe was a pillar of the Middleton community as well. He served as a Selectman

for the Town of Middleton for nine years. Also, he served as the president of the Eastern Massachusetts Baseball Umpires Association (EMBUA) from 2009-2010. He continued to be recognized as a great community leader and won various community service awards up until the end of his life.

Joe enjoyed music, especially Earth, Wind & Fire, and Billy Joel. Above all else, though he enjoyed spending time with his three beautiful daughters, Christina Pascucci-Ciampa, Stephanie Pascucci, and Kimberly Pascucci. As a family, they loved to travel to places like Disney World, Niagara Falls, and throughout the Midwest. The girls enjoyed watching their Dad umpire baseball games and sing Earth, Wind & Fire while doing the Pascucci version of “Carpool Karaoke”. Joseph was a culinary expert. Always in the kitchen whipping up Italian dishes and delicious meals that filled the belly and heart. He would do anything for anyone – always putting others before himself. His generosity was unsurpassed. Joseph found tremendous joy in the relationships he built with friends and family and will be greatly missed by the many people he loved so much.

Joe is survived by his three daughters, Christina Pascucci-Ciampa, Stephanie Pascucci, and Kimberly Pascucci. He was the brother of the late Stephen A. Pascucci. Joe is survived by his brother Anthony M., wife Joanne, and nephew, Anthony D. Pascucci.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Joseph “Joe” Ernest Pascucci, at twenty 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.