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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



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Thursday, January 28, 2021.

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

Message from His Excellency the Governor, Charles D. Baker, relative to the general concerns of the Commonwealth (see Senate, No. 1),-- was placed on file.

Governor,-- State of the Commonwealth.

Reports.

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

Report of the MBTA Fiscal and Management Control Board (pursuant to Section 207(b) of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) submitting its 2020 Annual Report (received January 25, 2021);

FMCB,-- 2020 annual report. SD213

Report of the Massachusetts Health Connector (pursuant to Section 15 of Chapter 176Q of the General Laws) submitting its report on the Activities and Accomplishments of the Massachusetts Health Insurance Marketplace Fiscal Year 2020 (received January 13, 2021);

Health Connector,-- FY20 report. SD216

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Sections 5, 20 and 21 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to the inspections of South Middlesex Correctional Center and Bridgewater State Hospital (received January 27, 2021);

DPH,-- facility inspections. SD239

Report of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (pursuant to Section 79(h) of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting its Annual Report for 2020 (received January 25, 2021); and

MRC,-- 2020 annual report. SD268

Report of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (pursuant to line item 0340-2100 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its prosecution statistics annual report (received January 21, 2021).

MDAA,-- prosecution statistics report. SD270

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Richard Gurney, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 58, amended-- on petition),-- was read.

Richard Gurney,-- sick leave.

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

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the Temporary committee on Ways and Means, on petition, a Bill creating a next-generation roadmap for Massachusetts climate policy (Senate, No. 9).

Climate policy.

The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on

motion of Mr. Barrett, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading and read a third time.

Mr. DiDomenico, for the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the matter.

The report was accepted.

After remarks, the bill was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the honor of the January 27, 1945 liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp.

Moment of silence.

*Recess.*

There being no objection, at sixteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and at eighteen minutes before four o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

*Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill creating a next-generation roadmap for Massachusetts climate policy (see Senate, No. 9) (which originated in the Senate), **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. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection in memory of Louise Benson.

Moment of silence.

*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.

*Adjournment in Honor of the  
January 27, 1945 Liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau.*

The Senator from Middlesex and Norfolk, Ms. Creem, presented a request that when the Senate adjourns today it adjourn in honor of the January 27, 1945 liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp.

In 2005, the United Nations General Assembly designated January 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day (IHRD), an annual day of commemoration to honor the victims of the Nazi era.

*Adjournment in Memory of Louise Benson.*

The Senator from Plymouth and Norfolk, Mr. O'Connor, and the Senator from Plymouth and Barnstable, Ms. Moran, presented a request that when the Senate adjourns today it adjourn in memory of Louise Benson of Plymouth.

Louise Benson of Plymouth, formerly of Randolph, passed away peacefully on December 19th, 2020 at the age of 98. She was the loving wife of 58 years to Frank, who predeceased her. Louise was a mother of five: Madeline Joyce and her late husband David, Carol Perkins and her husband Donald, Frank Benson and his wife Janice, Linda Palaza and her late husband Anthony, and Stephen Benson and his wife Kim. She had 15 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, and 13 great great grandchildren. Louise worked for many years at the Old Mr. Boston, spending a lot of her time in the executive dining room. She enjoyed cleaning, card parties, and spending her time with her loving and big family, who will miss her very much.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in honor of the January 27, 1945 liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and the memory of Louise Benson, at a quarter before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.