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Met at ten minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Reports.

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

Report of the Attorney General's Fair Labor Division (pursuant to line item 0810-0045 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its report on enforcement actions and violation trends within the construction industry (received February 18, 2021); and

AGO,-- construction industry report.
SD2157

Report of the Autism Commission (pursuant to Section 217(c) of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting its 2020 Annual Report (received February 22, 2021).

Autism Comm.,--
2020 annual report.
SD2492

Petitions.

The following petitions (having been deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate prior to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, February 19, 2021) were referred, as follows:

By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 16) of James B. Eldridge for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to establish an independent redistricting commission;

Redistricting,--
commission.

By Mr. Brownsberger (by request), a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 17) of Walter Ziobro for a legislative amendment to the Constitution specifying the method of apportioning the General Court; and

General Court,--
apportioning.

By Mr. Hinds, a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 18) of Adam G. Hinds for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to voting rights;

Voting rights,--
felons.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

By Mr. Lewis (by request), a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 19) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for a legislative amendment to the Constitution for term renewal process;

Term renewal
process.

By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 20) of Cynthia Stone Creem for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the subject matter of initiative petitions; and

Initiative petitions.

By Mr. Hinds, a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 21) of Adam G. Hinds for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to equity in state policy;

Equity in state policy.

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 22) of Bruce E. Tarr for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to require a supermajority vote for the utilization of rainy day funds; and

Rainy day funds,--
supermajority vote.

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 23) of Bruce E. Tarr for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to cap the state income tax;

Income tax,-- cap.

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michael L. Rodrigues, an employee of the trial court (Senate, No. 15).

Michael L.
Rodrigues,-- sick
leave.

The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: "An Act establishing a sick leave bank for Michael L. Rodrigues, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth."

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 memory of Margo Simon Golden of Boston.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on 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 Margo Simon Golden.

The Senator from Suffolk, Ms. Chang-Diaz and the Senator from Suffolk and Middlesex, Mr. Brownsberger moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in honor of the memory of Margo Simon Golden of Boston.

Margo dedicated her life to public health and public service. Born and raised in Andover, Massachusetts, Margo was a graduate of Simmons College and obtained a Master's of Public Health from Boston University. Throughout her life, she worked and served at a variety of health organizations, from St. Elizabeth's Hospital, to the Watertown Health Center, to Beth Israel and Deaconess Hospitals, where she was a program director. Margo was also a member of the board of directors for the Women's Community Cancer Project and Alliance for a Healthy Tomorrow.

Above all her work in the field of public health, Margo leaves behind a formidable legacy at the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition--the MBCC. In her nearly 10 years as Board President, from 2009 to 2018, Margo was a tenacious advocate for the MBCC's mission: not just to fight cancer, but to prevent its environmental causes. She helped craft an award-winning community education program focused on understanding and reducing exposure to environmental toxins, and she exemplified civic engagement, testifying at numerous hearings at the Boston City Council and the Massachusetts State House about environmental health risks and in support of funding for environmental research. At every level of the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition, from interns and volunteers to staff and board members, Margo had a profound impact, and her work was noticed and

celebrated: in 2014, she was one of a hundred people honored by Massachusetts General Hospital for leading the fight against cancer.

From co-workers to friends, family, and loved ones, those who knew Margo spoke of her as exceptionally warm and kind, full of grace and strength. She was a committed and determined advocate for health and visionary leader in her work and for her community. All of us in Massachusetts are better off for Margo's deep dedication to creating a better, healthier world.

Margo is survived by her husband, Neil Golden, her children, Andrew Golden and his wife Kate Billman-Golem, and Craig Golden, her grandson, Ellis, and her brothers, Donald Simon and his wife Susana de la Torre, and Gary Simon. Margo is also survived by Michael and Susan Golden, David and Beth Golden, and her nieces and nephews Elena and Eli Simon, Eric Golden, Sara Pell, Leah Kolodny, and Alena and Julia Golden.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Margo Simon Golden, at sixteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. O'Connor, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.