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**MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021.**

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Met at twenty-six minutes before twelve o'clock noon (Mr. Fattman in the Chair).

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*Communications.*

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

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader, announcing the appointment of Senator Ryan C. Fattman (pursuant to Section 3 of Chapter 48 of the Acts of 2014) to the Military Asset and Security Strategy Task Force; and

Military Asset and Security Strategy Task Force.

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader, announcing the appointment of Wanda Visnick (pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2018) to the commission on Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention.

Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention.

*Report.*

Report of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (pursuant to Section 39 of Chapter 7C of the General Laws) submitting its 2021 Report on the Real Property Owned and Leased by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,-- **was placed on file.**

DCAMM,-- real property report. SD2497

*Petitions.*

The following petition (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) was referred, as follows:

By Mr. O'Connor (by request), a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 25) of Sabrina Holland for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to amend articles of the Constitution to expand equal rights.

Equal rights.

**To the committee on the Judiciary.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Collins, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nick Collins for legislation to preserve main street by enhancing remote retailer sales tax compliance;

Remote retail,-- sales tax. SD2498

By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rules 12) of James B. Eldridge for legislation to provide for the establishment of sustainable water resource funds

Water resource funds. SD2499

By Ms. Friedman, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cindy F. Friedman for legislation relative to Option (d) beneficiaries;

Option (d) beneficiaries. SD2500

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to the Commonwealth Recovery Council; and

Commonwealth Recovery Council.

By the same Senator, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr and Bradley H. Jones, Jr. for legislation relative to pharmacy testing;

SD2501  
Pharmacy testing.  
SD2502

**Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to expanding sports wagering in the Commonwealth (House, No. 70),-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.**

Sports wagering.

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*Recess.*

There being no objection, at twenty-five minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Chair (Mr. Fattman) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at fourteen minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

*Pledge of Allegiance.*

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

Pledge of allegiance.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Feeney) "commending the National Organization for Rare Disorders Inc., for its recognition of February 28, 2021 as rare disease day."

National  
Organization for Rare  
Disorders Inc.

*Message from His Excellency the Governor.*

Message from His Excellency the Governor (pursuant to Article II, Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation validating the results of the annual town election held in the town of Hubbardston (Senate, No. 24) (received in the office of the Clerk of the Senate on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at ten minutes past one o'clock P.M.);

Hubbardston,-- town  
meeting.

**The message was read; and, under Senate Rule 20, with the accompanying bill, was referred to the committee on Election Laws.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

*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.

*Moment of Silence.*

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Frederick M. Rooney.

Moment of silence.

*Adjournment in Memory of Frederick M. Rooney.*

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, presented a motion that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Frederick M. Rooney.

Frederick M. Rooney of South Boston passed away at his home on February 21st. Fred is the son of the late Frederick W. Rooney and Veronica (Curran) Rooney and was a beloved & devoted husband of 66 years to Margaret "Peggy, Hon" Corliss Rooney. Fred was a proud and caring Father of Frederick "Buddy" and his late wife Cathy of Taunton, James and his wife Maryanne of Dorchester, Michael and his wife Valerie of Hingham, Thomas "Tommy" of Braintree, John "Jackie" of South Boston, Paul of Boston, Mark and his wife Theresa of South Boston, Larry and his wife Beth of Milton, Joseph of Dorchester, Gerard "Jay" and his wife Carolyn of Milton, Chris and his wife Lisa of Milton and the late infant son Charles. He was also a warmhearted grandfather of 30 cherished grandchildren, 11 precious great-grandchildren and uncle to many loving nieces and nephews. Fred was a loving brother to Diane Sullivan of Wilmington, Madelyn Camarota of Wells, Maine, Lorraine Abrams of Salem, NH, Michael Rooney of Wilmington and was predeceased by his sister, Margaret Marion Cahill and brother, James W. Rooney. Fred graduated from South Boston High School, class of 1950 and Northeastern University in 1962. Fred was a distinguished Veteran of the Korean Conflict, U.S. Army. He was actively involved in sports activities in and around South Boston, including a proud Little League coach for 11 years of the Gillette team.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Frederick M. Rooney, at eighteen minutes past twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Fattman, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.