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MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021
Met at twelve minutes past eleven o’clock A.M. (Mr. Collins in the Chair).

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

Communications.

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

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Senator Julian Cyr, Dr. David Reckhow and Jeffrey Arps (under Section 98 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) to the interagency taskforce to review and investigate water and ground contamination of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (received April 7, 2021);

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Senator Anne M. Gobi (under Section 94 of Chapter 358 of the Acts of 2020) to the special commission regarding the need for agriculture in the Commonwealth in the 21st century (received April 7, 2021);

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Senator Susan L. Moran and Heidi Kaufman (under Section 106 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) to the special commission on Early Education and Care Economic Review (received April 7, 2021);

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Joseph Corazzini (under Section 15 of Chapter 132 of the Acts of 2019) to the Twenty-First Century Education Advisory Council (received April 7, 20201);

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of David Rosenbloom (under Section 1 of Chapter 309 of the Acts of 2020) to the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund advisory board (received April 7, 2021);

Communication from the Honorable Charles D. Baker, Governor, announcing the appointment of Brian Little (under Section 1 of Chapter 309 of the Acts of 2020) to the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund advisory board (received April 7, 2021); and

Communication from the NAACP announcing their appointment to several commissions (received April12, 2021):

- Bruce Rose (under Section 103 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the commission to review and make recommendations on the training of correction officers and detention officers.
- Fred Taylor (under Section 104 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the law enforcement body camera task force.
- Mutale NKonde (under Section 105 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the commission on facial recognition technology.
- John L. Reed (under Section 108 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the commission relative to a statewide law enforcement officer cadet program.
- Maurice C. Powe, Esq. (under Section 111 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of
to the commission relative to racism in the parole process.

- Julia H. Cofield, Esq. (under Section 112 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the commission to study structural racism in probation services.
- Ivan Espinoza-Madrigal, Esq. (under Section 116 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the commission to investigate and study the impact to the administration of justice of the qualified immunity doctrine in the commonwealth.
- Nishawnda Ellis (under Section 117 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the advisory council for creating a crisis response and continuity of care system that deliver alternative emergency services and programs across the commonwealth that reflect specific regional, racial, ethnic and sexual orientation needs and differences in delivering such services.

Reports.

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

- Report of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 70 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its 2020 annual report (received April 8, 2021); and
- Report of the Plymouth County Sheriff (pursuant to Section 84 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) submitting its report reflecting the aggregate data population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of 2021 (received April 8, 2021).

Petition.

By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ryan C. Fattman for legislation relative to fentanyl arrests;

Referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Representatives Giannino of Revere, Chan of Quincy and Madaro of Boston had been appointed as his designees (under Section 70 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the permanent commission on the Future of Metropolitan Beaches;

Representatives Hogan of Stow, Kerans of Danvers and Dr. Alan Woolf of Boston Children’s Hospital had been appointed as his designees (under Section 98 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) to the interagency task force established to review and investigate water and ground contamination of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances across the Commonwealth;

Representative Elugardo of Boston had been appointed as chair (under Section 110 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the special legislative commission on Structural Racism in Correctional Facilities of the Commonwealth;

Representative Vargas of Haverhill had been appointed as chair (under Section 111 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the special legislative commission on Structural Racism in the Parole Process;

Representative Nguyen of Andover had been appointed as chair (under Section 112 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the special legislative commission on Structural Racism in the Massachusetts Probation Service; and

Representative Ehrlich had been appointed as his designee (under Section 168D of
Chapter 6 of the General Laws, inserted by Section 1 of Chapter 337 of the Acts of 2020) to the task force on Sexual Misconduct Surveys.

**Moment of Silence.**

The Chair (Mr. Collins), members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Kenneth Jenks.

**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., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.*

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**Adjournment in Memory of Kenneth Jenks.**

The Senator from Cape and Islands, Mr. Cyr, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Kenneth Jenks of Dennis.

Kenneth Jenks died peacefully at Brigham and Women’s Hospital on March 12th, 2021. He was 62 years old.

“Ken Jenks was completely committed to public education”, stated Dennis-Yarmouth School Committee Chair Jeni Landers.

Ken was born in Attleboro in 1958 to parents William and Constance. He graduated from North Attleboro High School in 1976 and went on to study at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst where he earned his Bachelor’s Degree. Later, he earned a Master’s Degree from Bridgewater State University.

In 1984, Ken was hired as a history teacher in the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District, where he remained employed until his recent passing. Throughout his career Ken served as President of the Teacher’s Union, Summer School Principal, Key Club Advisor, Assistant Principal, Principal and Assistant Superintendent within the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District.

“He was all about relationships. He wasn’t just teaching history, he was teaching about life. By looking at history we could understand pieces of life”, Dennis-Yarmouth Superintendent of Schools Superintendent Carol Woodbury remarked.

Ken was passionate about photography, reading, history, train watching, bird watching, chess, hiking, and enjoying the beaches of Cape Cod.

Ken was a beloved father, husband, brother, son, teacher, and friend. He left a lasting impact on the towns of Dennis and Yarmouth, not only in the school system, but in the entire community. Ken is survived by his loving wife, Brenda, children, Elizabeth, Victoria and Alexander, and granddaughter, Sophia. Ken is also survived by his brothers, Alan and William Jenks, and his sister, Tina and her husband, Mike.

May we all reflect on and appreciate Ken’s life and career and appreciate a man whose passion leaves a lasting impact on Cape Cod.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Kenneth Jenks, at eighteen 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.