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Met at eight 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.

Communications.

The following communications were severally received and placed on file, to wit: Communications from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader, announcing the following appointments:

Himself (pursuant to Section 116 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the special legislative commission to investigate and study the impact to the administration of justice of the qualified immunity doctrine in the commonwealth (received March 19, 2021);

Qualified immunity,-
- commission.

Ms. Amanda Weber (pursuant to Section 79(b) of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the model school resource officer memorandum of understanding review commission (received March 17, 2021);

Model school
resource officer,-
- commission.

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the Pondville Correctional Center inspection on March 9, 2021 (received March 18, 2021); and

DPH,- plan of
correction.
SD2543

Communication from the Hampshire Sheriff's Office submitting its plan of correction for the Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction inspection on March 11, 2021 (received March 19, 2021).

Hampshire Sheriff,-
plan of correction.
SD2544

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to authorizing the town of Berlin to continue the employment of Paul Kenneth Clark (House, No. 92),-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Paul Kenneth Clark,-
- employment.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Senate Rules, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Rachel Pride, an employee of the Department of Youth Services (Senate, No. 37).

Rachel Pride,-
sick leave.

The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, 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 Rachel Pride, an employee of the department of youth services".

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Bruce E. Tarr and Bradley H. Jones, Jr. for legislation relative to pharmacy testing;

Pharmacy testing.
SD2502

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Health.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to the Commonwealth Recovery Council;

Commonwealth
Recovery Council.
SD2501

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Moment of Silence.

The President, members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Lawrence M. Norton.

Moment of silence.

Recess.

There being no objection, at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at eight minutes before five o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preambles Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michael L. Rodrigues, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (see Senate, No. 15), 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.

Michael L.
Rodrigues,--
sick leave.

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

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Rachel Pride, an employee of the department of youth services (see Senate, No. 37), 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.

Rachel Pride,--
sick leave.

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

The Senate Report of the Proposed Joint Rules for the 2021-2022 Legislative Session (Senate, No. 14),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, *with an amendment* striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of House document numbered 68, as amended.

Joint Rules.

Mr. Tarr moved that the Senate NON-concur in the House amendments and asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and Senators Lovely, Boncore and Fattman were appointed to the committee on the part of the Senate.

The bill was returned to the House endorsed accordingly.

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Establishing a sick leave bank for Michael L. Rodrigues, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (see Senate, No. 15); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Rachel Pride, an employee of the department of youth services (see Senate, No. 37).

Bills laid before the Governor.

The House Bill financing a program for improvements to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and providing relief to employers and workers in the Commonwealth (House, No. 90),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had concurred in the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 38) *with a further amendment* striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the Senate) and inserting in place thereof the text of House document numbered 95.

Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and, after remarks, the further House amendment was adopted, in concurrence.

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill financing a program for improvements to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and providing relief to employers and workers in the Commonwealth (see House, No. 90, amended), 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.

Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

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

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at one o'clock P.M. in a full formal session without a calendar.

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Lawrence Norton.

The Senator from Norfolk and Plymouth, Mr. Keenan, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it adjourn in memory of Lawrence M. "Larry" Norton.

Larry Norton of Quincy, passed away suddenly on 20 October 2020, at the age of 76. Larry was born in Somerville and then moved to Quincy, where he lived for over 50 years. A recipient of the Purple Heart, Larry served with the United States Marines Corp in Vietnam.

Larry's service to the Marine Corp did not end in Vietnam. He made it his personal mission to ensure that the people of Quincy never forget the 48 soldiers from Quincy who lost their lives in Vietnam. Each year he organized dedications of memorial squares, in the

neighborhoods where each of the 48 lived, inviting family and friends, giving them closure, respect, dignity, and the comfort of knowing their loved ones would be forever remembered in Quincy.

Larry each year also organized a memorial service at the Vietnam War Memorial at Marina Bay. An active member of the American Legion, Larry served in a variety of capacities at both the state and national levels. He was a longtime member and past Commander of the Cyril P. Morrissette Post #294, and served as the Commander of the Quincy Veterans' Council. He was also the longtime president of the Quincy Chapter of the Vietnam Combat Veterans Combined Armed Forces.

Larry was truly one of a kind, outspoken and straightforward when it came to sharing his opinion and was a man of action and conviction. He was highly respected, and truly beloved.

Larry is survived by his wife Ruthie, his son Michael and wife Julie, daughter Pamela and her boyfriend Glenn Hermanson, and his son Kevin and wife Tara. He was the proud Pop to Mikey, Corbett and Shea. Brother of Kathie Brandt of Chicago, Illinois, and the late Paul Norton, Eleanor Trites, Louise Buckley, Thomas Norton and his surviving wife Joanne of Somerville, and Ann Eleanor (Nancy) Debonis.

So today, the Massachusetts State Senate adjourns in memory of Lawrence "Larry" Norton, remembered for his dedication to his beloved veterans and their families, his longtime service to the Quincy community, his endearing passion and candor, and his love of family. Semper Fi.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Lawrence Norton, at thirteen minutes before seven o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at one o'clock P.M.