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Met at eleven 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.

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Hinds, for the committee on Revenue, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1973) of Michael J. Rodrigues, Jason M. Lewis, Joan B. Lovely, Joanne M. Comerford and other members of the General Court for legislation to advance and promote genocide education,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Education.

Genocide education.

Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted. Sent to the House for concurrence in the discharge of the joint committee.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointment by the Minority Leader:

Representative David Vieira of Falmouth has been appointed to serve as his designee on the special commission established (under Chapter 2 of the Resolves of 2020) to investigate the features of the official seal and motto of the Commonwealth.

Seal and motto commission.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) "commending the Peabody Rotary Club on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary."

Peabody Rotary Club.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. DiZoglio) "honoring the memory of Daniel W. Ford on the occasion of the dedication of the Dan Ford Field in the City of Methuen."

Daniel W. Ford.

Moment of Silence.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Dan Ford.

Moment of silence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to city council vacancies in the city of Brockton (House, No. 3709,-- on petition),-- was read.

Brockton,-- city council.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. DiZoglio,

and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Recess.

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

Recess.

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Victoria Kibbie, an employee of the Department of Development Services (Senate, No. 1742);

Victoria Kibbie,-- 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 and ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Pamela Waldron, an employee of the department of developmental services (Senate, No. 1761);

Pamela Waldron,-- 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 and ordered to a third reading.

Moment of Silence.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Judith Rockwell.

Moment of silence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Committee of Conference Report.

A report of the committee of conference of the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendments to the House Bill financing the reconstruction of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke (House, No. 3701) (*amended by the Senate* by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2442) (House, No. 3770),-- came from the House, and was read.

Holyoke,-- Soldiers' Home.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and, after remarks, the report was accepted, in concurrence.

Recess.

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

Recess.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill financing the reconstruction of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke (see House, No. 3770), 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.

Holyoke Soldiers' Home.

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

House for enactment.

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. in a full formal session without a calendar.

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Judith Rockwell.

The Senator from Cape and Islands, Mr. Cyr, presented a motion that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Judith Rockwell of West Barnstable.

Judith Rockwell passed away on March 14, 2021. She was 89 years old.

Judith was born in 1932 in Middlebury, Connecticut. She graduated from Northfield School and began a decades-long career in banking. During this time, she met her first husband, Howard Kittredge, and gave birth to her daughter Wendy Kittredge Northcross and her son Todd Howard Kittredge. In 1967, she and her children moved to Cape Cod, where Judith met her beloved husband James Rockwell. Three years later, she began working for the First National Bank of Yarmouth in West Yarmouth. In 1978, Judith and her husband moved to St. Thomas, U.S.V.I. and ran a restaurant in Red Hook and a day charter boat together. In 1984, they moved to Florida, where they taught Sunday school and ministered in nursing homes. Judith also worked at the Sun Trust in Florida until 1996. Finally, Judith and her husband moved back to the Cape in 2005 to be closer to Judith's children. Judith continued her involvement in faith groups, joining West Parish of Barnstable and volunteering for the Rooster Crows church fair craft group.

In her free time, Judith loved to spend time in her garden, reflecting her family's long history of Scottish farmers. When she wasn't gardening, she spent time on Sandy Neck beach and reading all genres except fiction. She was deeply devoted to the Christian faith and loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

Judith is survived by her husband James, her daughter Wendy and son-in-law Van Northcross, her son Todd and daughter-in-law Pamela Williams, her grandchildren Christopher and Alexis Northcross Bender, and her granddaughters Kate and Lainey. She was a beloved mother, wife, friend, and neighbor. She will be remembered for her warmth, faith, and graciousness. May we take a moment to reflect on and appreciate Judith's life and career and her contributions to the Cape Cod community.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Judith Rockwell, at nine minutes past one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. O'Connor, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.