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Met at four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Lovely 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 (Ms. Lovely), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communications.

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

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plans of correction for the MCI Framingham inspection on May 19 and 20, 2021, MCI Concord inspection on June 29 and 30, 2021 and Hampden County Jail and House of Correction inspection on June 9, 10 and 11, 2021 (received August 26, 2021); and

DPH,-- plans of correction. SD2741

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plans of correction for the Dartmouth Women's Center inspection on June 2, 2021, Bristol County Modular Building inspection on June 3, 2021, Bristol County Jail and House of Correction inspection on June 2 and 3, 2021, Dartmouth I.C.E. Facility inspection on June 2, 2021 and Dukes County Jail and House of Correction inspection on January 22, 2021 (received August 27, 2021).

Id. SD2743

Report.

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Sections 5, 20 and 21 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspection of MCI Shirley (received August 25, 2021),-- was placed on file.

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD2740

Petition.

Mr. Eldridge presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2515) of James B. Eldridge, Tami L. Gouveia and Danillo A. Sena (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Acton to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure in certain construction [Local approval received];

Acton,-- fossil fuels.

Under Senate Rule 20, referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Jehlen) "commending the Regional Tibetan Association of Massachusetts, Inc. and the Tibetan Association of Boston, Inc. on their observance of the sixty-first anniversary of Tibetan Democracy Day."

Tibetan Democracy Day.

Reports of Committees.

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 John C. Velis for legislation to authorize municipalities to use funds for flood control infrastructure and floodplain preservation;

Municipalities,--
flood control.
SD2648

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the report was considered forthwith, Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses.

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 John C. Velis for legislation to establish an elementary and secondary school robotics grant program;

Robotics,-- grant
program.
SD2559

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

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 John C. Velis for legislation relative to honoring the founding of the United States Army, the United States Air Force, and the National Guard;

Veterans,-- honor.
SD2632

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the report was considered forthwith, Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4094) of William M. Straus for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Samantha Davignon, an employee of the Department of Children and Families,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Samantha Davignon,-
- sick leave.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill validating actions taken at the annual town meeting held in the town of Nahant (see Senate Bill, printed in Senate, No. 2487) (which originated in the Senate), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having voted in the affirmative, and signed by the Acting President (Ms. Lovely) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before
Governor.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Lovely), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Kevin Patrick "Pep" Cornacchio.

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 Kevin Patrick “Pep” Cornacchio.

The Senator from Essex, Ms. Lovely, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Kevin Patrick “Pep” Cornacchio, of Salem, who passed away on August 14, 2021, in the comfort of his home surrounded by his loving family. He was 63 years old.

A lifelong son of Salem, he was a dedicated employee of the Salem Power Plant for over 40 years and was later an employee of the City of Salem. He was also an active volunteer. He enjoyed tending to Salem's public green spaces and served as chair of both the Salem Community Preservation Committee and the Salem Conservation Commission. Whether he was cooking to Frank Sinatra or sailing to Bob Marley, Kevin enjoyed any activity he could share with friends and family.

His death is preceded by his parents, Katherine (McKay) and Joseph “Pep” Cornacchio. He is survived by his loving wife Margaret (Byrne) Cornacchio of 33 years; daughter Emily Gattie and her husband Brian; daughter Katherine Bona and her husband Joseph; and son Patrick Cornacchio. He also lives on in the memory of his six siblings: Patricia LaMontagne and her husband Roger; Joseph Cornacchio and his wife Katy; James Cornacchio and his wife Clare; Thomas Cornacchio and his wife Susan; Neil Cornacchio; and Mary Cornacchio and her husband Matthew Perakis; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Kevin's family would like to thank Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Care Dimensions for their attentive support. In the words of Kevin himself, do something nice for someone today.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Kevin Patrick “Pep” Cornacchio, at eleven 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.