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Monday, October 4, 2021.

Met at nine minutes past eleven o’clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair).

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

Communication.

Communication from the Honorable Charles D. Baker, Governor, announcing the appointment of Reina I. Lorenzi (under Section 73(a) of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Latinos and Latinas,-- was placed on file.

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Environmental Protection (pursuant to Section 3(H) of Chapter 21I of the General Laws) submitting its 2019 Toxics Use Reduction Report (received October 1, 2021);

Report of the Massachusetts Port Authority (pursuant to item 6720-1340 of Section 2C of Chapter 219 of the Acts of 2016) submitting its 2021 annual report on the Paul W. Conley Terminal in South Boston (copy having been forwarded as required to the joint committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets) (received October 1, 2021); and

Report of the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund Advisory Council (pursuant to Section 35OOO(c) of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting its 2021 annual report (received October 4, 2021).

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Brownsberger, a petition (accompanied by proposal) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation relative to towing protections; and

By Ms. DiZoglio, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Diana DiZoglio, James M. Kelcourse, Bruce E. Tarr and Lenny Mirra for legislation relative to the Salisbury Beach Preservation Trust Fund;

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

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Gobi, for the committee on Higher Education, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 831), a Bill to amend the charter of Wheaton College (Senate, No. 2547);

Read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.
Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cyr) “congratulating Dorothy ‘Dottie’ Smith on her retirement after her distinguished service to the Commonwealth.”

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

The following matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The House Bill exempting all positions in the police department and fire department of the town of Swampscott from the civil service law (House, No. 93), - was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Sudbury to grant an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3895), - was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the town of Deerfield to continue the employment of police department members Robert Warger, Joseph Mieczkowski, and Raymond Burniske (House, No. 4128,-- on House, No. 3799) [Local approval received on House, No. 3799],-- was read.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection in memory of Anne Marie Collins.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Wednesday next at one o’clock P.M. in a full formal session with a calendar.

Adjournment in Memory of Anne Marie Collins.

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Anne Marie Collins of Nantucket.

Anne Marie Collins, formerly of Charlestown and South Boston, died suddenly September 28, 2021 at the age of 57. She was the loving daughter of Dorothy E. "Dot" (Cheney) Collins and the late James P. Collins. Anne was the devoted sister of the Honorable James P. Collins, III and his wife Mary, Kevin Collins and his wife Kate, Mary O’Connell and her late husband Matthew, Maureen Collins, Margaret Collins, Eileen Paris and husband Richard, Stephen Collins and Dennis Collins.

Anne Marie devoted her life to loving, healing and giving – for family, friends, or just someone in need. If anyone was the embodiment of kindness, it was she.

Always possessed of a deep and artistic soul, she also discovered somewhat late in life an innate talent for painting, and for photography as well. Indeed, the results
of Anne Marie’s personal growth never ceased to surprise and amaze everyone (including herself); her deep well of gifts was seemingly bottomless. And as was her nature, these discoveries led her to a never-ending search for ways to share them with others.

Her life, then, was a journey…as it should be. Wanderlust was surely a part of her soul as well. There was ever something in her that knew that there was music to be heard, art to be appreciated, pain to be healed and friends to be made.

But she always returned home to her family – her siblings, nieces, nephews, and especially her mom, Dorothy. They shared a special and unbreakable bond, and Anne Marie drew her strength from that.

Her legacy will live on through her family and friends including her 21 nieces and nephews and 16 grandnieces and grandnephews who will forever miss their “Auntie Ree”

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Anne Marie Collins, at sixteen minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Wednesday next at one o’clock P.M.