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

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from His Excellency the Governor, Charles D. Baker, announcing the appointment of Mr. Thomas J. Moreau (under Section 132(a) of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) to the Special Commission to Investigate and Study the Promotion and Celebration of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the American Revolution (received December 10, 2021),-- was placed on file.

250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Special Commission.

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Acts of 2010) submitting its report entitled "CY19 Summary of Activities related to Screening for Postpartum Depression" (received December 7, 2021); and

DPH,-- CY19 PPD report. SD2871

Report of the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its financial statements and supplementary information for the year ended June 30, 2021 (received December 10, 2021).

MVRTA,-- auditors' report. SD2872

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Cronin, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Resolve establishing a special commission on the Dover amendment (Senate, No. 1347);

Dover amendment,-- special commission.

Read and, under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Cronin, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill relative to installing solar energy systems in historic districts (Senate, No. 1326); and

Solar energy,-- historic districts.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill providing for pre-service training for members of local boards and commissions (Senate, No. 1327);

Local boards and commissions,-- training.

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Cronin, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill relative to solar drying of laundry (Senate, No. 1319);

Laundry,-- solar drying.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the

Municipal ordinances and bylaws,-- enforce.

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effective enforcement of municipal ordinances and by-laws (Senate, No. 1331);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to forest wardens (Senate, No. 1338); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to PEG access and cable related funds (Senate, No. 1346);

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Wheaton College President Dennis Hanno has been appointed to serve as his designee (under Chapter 75 of the Acts of 2021) to the Higher Education Affordability Task Force.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The House Bill further regulating the appointment of finance committee members in the town of Grafton (House, No. 3705) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

The House Bill restoring an increase in the membership of the board of health in the city of Framingham (House, No. 4084) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first 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. Timilty) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Amending the charter of the town of North Andover (Senate, No. 2561);

Authorizing the town of Dracut to pay a certain bill to WhiteWater, Inc. (see House, No. 3726); and

Providing for the recall of elected officers in the town of Wenham (see House, No. 3746).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Timilty), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Donald P. Ogden.

Forest wardens,--
residency.

Municipalities,--
cable related funds.

Higher Education
Affordability Task
Force.

Grafton,-- finance
committee members.

Framingham,-- board
of health
membership.

Bills laid before the
Governor.

Time of meeting.

Moment of silence.

Adjournment in Memory of Donald P. Ogden.

The Senator from Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth, Mr. Timilty, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Donald P. Ogden.

Donald P. Ogden passed away peacefully and comfortably at his home in Boston's North End, on December 3rd at the age of 84.

Born in Boston, Don was raised in Randolph where he graduated from Randolph High School and then went on to attend Bentley College. Soon after high school, Don enlisted in the Massachusetts Guard and later the National Guard. Don then enlisted in the United States Army where he, proudly, served his country during the Vietnam War. Don achieved the rank of Captain and was awarded several medals and commendations, including the Vietnam Service Medal with 7 Service Stars, Bronze Star Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Army Commendation Medal.

In 1980, Don was a co-founder of Boston based Yankee Bus Line, which has grown to become one of New England's premier luxury passenger transportation companies, serving the entire Northeast corridor with luxury tours, charters, and general passenger transportation.

Don also enjoyed being an avid racehorse owner and enthusiast. Don especially cherished his time connecting with family and friends in Randolph, Boston's North End, South Boston, Saratoga, New York, and in with his friends in the motorcoach industry throughout North America and the United Kingdom.

A devoted son, brother, uncle and friend, Don will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to have known him.

Don was the son of the late Francis and Anna (Boodro) Ogden, and was the brother of the late Dorothy Burns, Patricia Gray, and Margaret Fletcher.

He is survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Donald P. Ogden, at eighteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Fattman, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.