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Thursday, December 30, 2021.

Met at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Timilty in the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. Timilty), 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:

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plans of correction for the Essex County Correctional Alternative Center inspection on November 10, 2021 and Bridgewater Complex Food Service inspection on May 13, 2021 (received December 27, 2021); and

DPH,-- plans of
correction.
SD2901

Communication from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (pursuant to item 4000-0321 of Section 2 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its contingency contract report (received December 27, 2021).

EOHHS,--
contingency report.
SD2902

Reports.

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

Report of MassHealth (pursuant to Section 12A(i) of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting its report on the amount of supplemental rebates received, the number of drugs receiving a supplemental rebate broken down by manufacturer and a breakdown of the duration of the supplemental rebates received (received December 27, 2021);

MassHealth,-- drug
pricing report.
SD2899

Report of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (pursuant to Section 17 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws) submitting its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 (received December 27, 2021); and

MCWT,-- FY21
ACFR.
SD2900

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Sections 5, 20 and 21 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspections of Worcester County Jail and House of Correction and Old Colony Correctional Center (received December 29, 2021).

DPH,-- facility
inspections.
SD2904

Petition.

Mr. Eldridge presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James B. Eldridge and Danilo A. Sena for legislation to promote drinking water quality for all,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Drinking water,--
quality.
SD2903

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Pacheco, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2469), an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to establishing August 31st as Overdose Awareness Day in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2608);

State Administration
and Regulatory
Oversight
committee,-- study.

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

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill to provide diabetes prevention program benefits (Senate, No. 1718);

Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill relative to local public housing authorities access to the dental and vision insurance plan managed by the group insurance commission (Senate, No. 1659);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to restoration to service (Senate, No. 1662);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate No. 1665 and House, No. 2572, a Bill providing for fairness and equity for Massachusetts Water Resources Authority employees (Senate, No. 1665);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to disability or death caused by post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) (Senate, No. 1691);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate No. 1722 and House, No. 2697, a Bill relative to disability pensions for violent crimes (Senate, No. 1722); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to creditable service for Lisa Emma, a member of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System (Senate, No. 1778);

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

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 Senate Bill further defining a quorum of a public body in the town of Monson (Senate, No. 43),-- was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Gobi presented an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2610).

The amendment was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2610) was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Easton to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4116),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

The House Bill authorizing the use of Article ninety-seven land for roadway improvements in the town of Dunstable (House, No. 3936),-- was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Kennedy presented an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2609.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Diabetes,--
prevention.

Housing authorities,--
insurance.

Retirees,-- restoration
to service.

MWRA employees,--
equity.

Post-traumatic stress
disorder.

Disability pensions,--
violent crimes.

Lisa Emma,--
creditable service.

Monson,-- public
body.

Easton,-- liquor
license.

Dunstable,-- roadway
improvements.

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 William Giovannucci.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Collins,--

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

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of William Giovannucci.

The Senator from Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth, Mr. Timilty, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of William "Billy" Giovannucci, a longtime resident of Milton and a founder of the Milton Gridiron Club, died on September 26, 2021, at Seasons Hospice Milton Inpatient Center, in the comfort of his loving family. He was 52 years old.

Known as "Gio" to his close circle of friends, Billy was remarkably adept at including people from all types of backgrounds into everything in which he was involved. To his buddies, he was like a big brother, someone that we all looked up to and still do.

Moreover, Gio had an innate ability to connect with people. He was never one to pass judgment on people and he always found the positive qualities in everyone that he met. Gio made each individual that he encountered feel important.

Gio was born in Quincy, raised, and educated in Milton. Gio and I both attended together the Village Nursery School and Pierce Elementary School, remaining lifelong friends.

Additionally, Gio graduated from Milton High School in 1987. Here he played on the varsity football team as a starting offensive lineman. Moreover, Gio was named as a Bay State League Football All-Star his senior year.

Furthermore, he was also a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Demonstrating both his love of athletics and his loyalty to Milton High School, Gio, along with several Milton High School Football Alumni from the Classes of '86, '87, '88, went on to form the Milton Gridiron Club in 2012, in support of the Milton High School program, players, cheerleaders, managers, and coaches.

Furthermore, Gio loved coaching his twin daughters, Delia and Sienna, in their various sports and was a well-known coach in the Milton Girls Softball League for twenty years. Here, he served on the Milton Girls Softball League executive board. In addition, he was a driving force behind obtaining the score boards that now stand today. In a tribute to Gio by the League, the board stated that "the players' experience in the league is better due to Gio's efforts. From bullpens to fences to foul poles to anchored bases to hot dogs at all-star games and opening day, Gio did it or had a hand in it. Milton and the softball league are better off because of his efforts."

Gio bravely battled colon cancer for more than four years. During this battle, Gio did his best to forge ahead and never slow down. It was a year ago this December that he was able to travel with his friends Greg Lane, Jim Tracy, and Jim Quinn to the Grand Canyon National Park. Together, Gio and his friends, hiked into the canyon, stayed outside camping for two nights, before undertaking a grueling hike back to the top. He was so proud of this remarkable achievement. Yet, Greg, Jim Tracey, and Jim Quinn were even prouder of him. We were all proud just to be Gio's friends.

Equally important to Gio, was his love of Karate. He joined his first dojo at the age of 14. Remarkably, he recently earned his Eighth Degree Black Belt, an achievement that can take some students upwards of 50 years to accomplish. Gio once wrote about Karate instruction: “You share what you know, study what others can show you, and try to map out the common denominators that help make anyone better. When we can recognize and articulate principals to yourself, then ego and window dressings fall away. You know exactly what of the physical world you are trying to utilize in your art, in the daily fights of life. Principals don’t change.”

Most of all, Bill was devoted to his family and was especially proud of his twin daughters, supporting all their many activities and accomplishments.

He was employed for 25 years with Simsbury Associates of Hingham. Here, Gio served as vice-president and project manager.

Gio is best summed up as an incredibly content and pleasant person who imparted a calming influence on those around him, was a loyal friend, devoted family man, and never sought out attention for himself.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife of twenty years, Marianne (Kintigos) Giovannucci, his twin daughters, Delia and Sienna Giovannucci, both of Milton, his loving parents, William “Joe” and Paula (Mulroy) Giovannucci of Weymouth, his siblings, John Giovannucci and Cory of Quincy, and the late Laura A. Boulay.

Gio was the son-in-law of Joseph F. Kintigos of Quincy and his late wife Mary A. (Ridge) Kintigos. In addition, he was the brother-in-law of Joseph F. Kintigos, Jr., Mark A. Kintigos, both of Quincy, and the late Eileen Kintigos.

Bill is also survived by several nieces, nephews, one cousin, and legions of friends who will forever admire and love him.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of William “Billy” Giovannucci, at twenty-seven minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Fattman, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M