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Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

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.

### *Distinguished Guests.*

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Timilty) introduced, seated in the rear of the Chamber, the Honorable Kevin R. Connelly and his wife Mosey. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Honorable Kevin R. and Mosey Connelly.

### *Communication.*

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the Old Colony Correctional Center inspection on December 14 and 15, 2021 (received February 18, 2022),-- **was placed on file.**

DPH,-- plan of correction.  
SD3002

### *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 Essex County Women in Transition (received February 16, 2022),-- **was placed on file.**

DPH,-- facility inspection.  
SD3001

### *Petition Returned by State Secretary.*

The Senate petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rules 9 and 12) of John J. Cronin for legislation to revive and continue the Fitchburg Area Economic Development Corporation (having been filed at three minutes before two o'clock P.M. on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate, and having been transmitted to the Secretary of the Commonwealth under the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws and having been returned by the Secretary of the Commonwealth with memorandum relative thereto),-- **was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Fitchburg Area Economic Development Corporation.  
SD2883

### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Collins, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on Senate, Nos. 149, 150, 151, 152, 154, 156, 157, 158 and 159, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Community Development and Small Businesses to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to community development and small business matters (Senate, No. 2709);

Community Development and Small Businesses committee,-- study.

By Mr. Lesser, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on Senate, Nos. 256, 258, 271, 272, 274, 275, 276, 277 and 279, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to economic development issues (Senate, No. 2710);

Economic Development and Emerging Technologies committee,-- study.

By Mr. Barrett, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on

Telecommunications,

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

Senate, Nos. 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2221, 2223, 2225, 2228, 2229 and 2231, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to telecommunications, utilities and energy matters (Senate, No. 2711); and

By Mr. Keenan, for the committee on Transportation, on Senate, Nos. 2275, 2297, 2299, 2344 and 2347, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to miscellaneous transportation matters (Senate, No. 2712);

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

By Mr. Pacheco, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill to increase electric vehicle charging infrastructure in new construction (Senate, No. 2008);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill requiring equality in state documents (Senate, No. 2012);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill limiting the impact of student loans to help staff succeed (Senate, No. 2015);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill requiring menstrual products in all state buildings (Senate, No. 2016);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill ensuring uniformity in education discrimination complaint procedures (Senate, No. 2017);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill providing for plain writing in certain government documents (Senate, No. 2019);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing gender neutral bathrooms (Senate, No. 2026);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to government efficiency (Senate, No. 2036);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to justice of the peace fees (Senate, No. 2039);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to sleep deprivation avoidance and promotion of good sleeping practices (Senate, No. 2072);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to sell naming rights to the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center and other properties operated by the MCCA (Senate, No. 2085);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to state transportation project landowner notification (Senate, No. 2090);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing the Executive Office of Food Resources and Security (Senate, No. 2116);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2014), a Bill building environmental justice and energy efficiency with jobs (Senate No. 2708);

By Mr. Keenan, for the committee on Transportation, on petition, a Bill relative to the coordination of transit infrastructure projects (Senate, No. 2268);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to Hot Box Detectors (Senate, No. 2271);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill facilitating better interactions between police officers and persons with autism spectrum disorder (Senate, No. 2285);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to defining zone 1 in the MBTA commuter rail system (Senate, No. 2291);

Utilities and Energy committee,-- study.

Transportation committee,-- study.

Electric vehicle charging,-- new construction.

State forms,-- equality.

Student loans,-- repayment.

State buildings,-- free menstrual products.

Education discrimination.

Government documents,-- clarity.

Gender neutral bathrooms.

Government efficiency.

Justice of the peace,-- fees.

MA Sleep Awareness Week.

MCCA,-- naming rights.

Landowner notification.

Food Resources and Security office.

Building justice with jobs.

Transit projects,-- coordination.

Hot box detectors

Interactions,-- police officers and persons with autism.

Commuter Rail,-- fares.

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By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to public safety in excavation (Senate, No. 2293);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the Move Over Law (Senate, No. 2296);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 2304, 2307 and 2367, a Bill relative to partial payment of fines relating to driver's license suspension or revocation (Senate, No. 2307);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to update the Massachusetts rideshare program (Senate, No. 2314);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill modernizing protections for consumers in automobile transactions (Senate, No. 2323);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to billboard permitting (Senate, No. 2368);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to a clean fuel standard (Senate, No. 2370);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill promoting road safety (Senate, No. 2379); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2280), a Bill establishing rapid transportation and electrification for the Fairmount corridor (Senate No. 2707);

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

By Mr. Pacheco, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill relative to removing the term hearing impaired from the general laws (Senate, No. 2032);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill modernizing birth certificates (Senate, No. 2106);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill designating the first Wednesday in May as State Parks Day (Senate, No. 2111);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill recognizing the birthday of the United States Navy Seabees (Senate, No. 2114); and

By Mr. Keenan, for the committee on Transportation, on petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Haverhill as the Ted and Mary Murphy Bridge (Senate, No. 2617);

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

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Hull to make it more gender neutral (House, No. 4286, changed,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

*Communication.*

The Clerk read the following communication:

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE

February 11, 2022

The Honorable Michael D. Hurley  
*Clerk of the Massachusetts State Senate*  
State House, Room 335

Excavation,-- public safety.

Move Over Law,-- utility vehicle.

Driver's License,-- suspension fees.

Rideshare program.

Auto transactions,-- protections.

Billboard,-- permitting.

Clean fuel,-- standard.

Yellow dot program,-- establish.

Fairmount corridor,-- rapid transit.

Hearing impaired,-- term.

Birth certificates.

MA State Parks Day.

Navy Seabees Day.

Haverhill,-- bridge.

Hull,-- charter.

Senator Joan B. Lovely-- absence from Chamber.

Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk,

During Formal Session on February 10, 2022, I was not recorded for three roll call votes. Had I been present for these three votes, I would have voted as follows:

- On the question on passing H3900 to be enacted, roll call #126, I would have voted in the affirmative.
- On the question on adoption of amendment #31 to S2651, roll call #127, I would have voted in the negative.
- On the question on adoption of amendment #36 to S2651, roll call #128, I would have voted in the affirmative.

I respectfully request that this correspondence be printed in the journal during the next session. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,  
Joan B. Lovely  
STATE SENATOR

**On motion of Mr. O'Connor, the above communication was ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.**

Ordered printed.

*Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. Eldridge, for the committee on the Judiciary, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kim Souza, an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 2702).

Kim Souza,-- sick leave.

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

*Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.*

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

The House Bill authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Groton (House, No. 3909),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Groton,-- investments.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

*Order.*

The following House Order (approved by the committees of Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently),-- was considered as follows:

*Ordered,* That notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Housing be granted until Monday, May 9, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 866, 867, 869, 874, 889, 890, 891 and 894, and House documents numbered 1373, 1381, 1404, 1415, 1426, 1429, 1434, 1436, 1440, 1442, 3721, 4148, 4208, 4229 and 4354.

Housing,-- extension order.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Keenan, and the order (House, No. 4473) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.**

*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 John J. "Boots" Connelly.

Moment of silence.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Ms. Lovely,--

*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 John J. "Boots" Connelly.*

The Senator from Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth, Mr. Timilty, the Senator from Norfolk and Suffolk, Mr. Rush and the Senator from Plymouth and Barnstable, Ms. Moran, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourns in memory of John J. "Boots" Connelly, a lifelong resident of West Roxbury and Milton, who passed away on Christmas Eve, 2021, at the age of 86.

Boots, a member of the Class of 1954 at Boston Latin, had a legendary athletic career in his school days. For instance, he was a three-sport captain in football, baseball, and hockey. Moreover, Boots was honored as an All-Scholastic athlete during his illustrious high school career. Eventually, Boots' athletic excellence would be recognized with his overwhelming induction into the Boston Latin School Hall of Fame.

Additionally, Boots attended Boston College. Here, he starred in both football and baseball. Furthermore, Boots served as the vice president of the Class of 1958.

After an outstanding four years of achievement both on and off the field, Boots answered the call to service and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Marine Corps in 1959. After being honorably discharged from the Marine Corps, Boots was appointed to the position of probation officer in the Boston Juvenile Court. Eventually, he was promoted to Chief Probation Officer, assigned to Norfolk County Probate and Family Court in 1971. Here, he served with fidelity and distinction, until his retirement in 2009.

Above his myriad of professional and athletic accomplishments, Boots was most proud of his entire family, enjoying many wonderful occasions over the years. Specifically, Boots treasured his summers in Scituate with his beloved family. In his later years, he had a wonderful retirement with his wife, Marilyn, celebrating family milestones, traveling, and enjoying friendships at his Fuller Village residence.

Boots met his wife, Marilyn in Scituate. A resident of Arlington, he affectionately referred to here as "Arlington's Finest."

John is survived by his loving wife of sixty-two years, Marilyn (Kenny) Connelly.

He was the proud father of Dr. Maureen Connelly and her husband, Dr. Jeffrey Krane, John Connelly, Catherine Connelly-Perry and her husband Jim Perry, Michael Connelly and his wife Noreen, Honorable Kevin Connelly and his wife Mosey, and Susan Singer and her husband Sam.

He is survived by 12 very special grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews, and legions of admiring friends.

Boots will be greatly missed by all the friends, family, classmates, teammates, and colleagues who were blessed to have known him.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of John J. "Boots" Connelly, at twenty-two minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Keenan, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.