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Thursday, November 17, 2022.

Met at five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Crighton in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

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Students from the third-grade class from the Pine Hill Elementary School in Sherborn led the Chair (Mr. Crighton), members, guests and staff in the recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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Pledge of allegiance.

### *Distinguished Guests.*

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Crighton) handed the gavel to Mr. Collins for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Collins then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, a group of Irish dignitaries. Among the group was Michael Heaney of Donegal, Ireland. Mr. Heaney is the Director of Services with Donegal County Council with specific responsibility for Community, Culture, Planning & Economic Development. He was recognized for his dedication to promoting the ongoing partnership between Ireland and the United States. He addressed the Senate from the Rostrum, was presented a Senate and Governor's Citation, signed the guest book and withdrew from the Chamber. He was accompanied on the Rostrum by the Mayor of Donegal, Liam Blaney, John Beatty from the Governor's Veterans Office, William Higgins who put the presentation together and Representative Joseph McGonagle of Everett.

Michael Heaney.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Crighton) handed the gavel to Mr. O'Connor for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. O'Connor then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Bill Norton of Weymouth. Bill was recognized for organizing the "Kevin for Kids" toy drive, after his late partner Kevin McLean. In the past 12 years he has collected 21,529 toys for less fortunate children during the holiday season. Also recognized, was Army Staff Sergeant Andrew Fetrow, the new coordinator for Toys for Tots of Greater Boston. The Senate applauded his accomplishments, and he withdrew from the Chamber. He was accompanied by his brother Jim.

Bill Norton.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Crighton) handed the gavel to Mr. Collins for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Collins then introduced, Boston City Councilor Frank Baker. The Senate welcomed him with applause and he withdrew from the Chamber.

Frank Baker.

### *Reports.*

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

Report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (pursuant to Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the November 2022 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund report (received November 15, 2022);

Report of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (pursuant to item 1790-3009 of Section 2 of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its fifth quarterly report on the deployment of an online delivery system for unemployment insurance compensation benefits (received November 15, 2022);

Report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to

DUA,-- UI trust fund report.  
SD3391

EOLWD,-- online UI report.  
SD3392

DESE,-- charter

Section 89(kk) of Chapter 71 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2022 charter school enrollment data annual report (received July 13, 2022);

Report of the Department of Telecommunications and Cable (pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 25C of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2022 annual report (received November 14, 2022);

Report of the Nantucket 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, 2022 (received November 14, 2022); and

Report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (pursuant to Section 2(c) of Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process (eviction) cases for October 2022 (received November 15, 2022).

school report.  
SD3393

DTC,-- FY22 annual  
report.  
SD3394

NRTA,-- auditors'  
report.  
SD3395

EOTC,-- summary  
process report.  
SD3396

*Report of Committees.*

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the House Bill relative to a commission to study the intentional misrepresentation of a service animal (House, No. 5364),-- ought to pass;

Service animals,--  
commission.

**Referred, under Senate Rule 27, to the committee on Ways and Means.**

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to the school committee of the city of Revere (House, No. 5038,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Revere,-- school  
committee.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating the Baptist Church of all Nations on the celebration of its ninetieth anniversary.”

Baptist Church of all  
Nations.

*Report of a Committee.*

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House Bill merging the Shelburne Housing Authority with and into the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority and restructuring the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority members (House, No. 4772) (the committee on Rules having recommended that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3140).

Shelburne Housing  
Authority.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Rules.**

**The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with the amendment, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: “An Act providing for the merger of the Shelburne Housing Authority with the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment and for the restructuring of the membership of the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority”.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.**

*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 authorizing the town of Wareham to grant 5 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2855),-- was read a third time.

Wareham,-- liquor licenses.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Pacheco presented an amendment substituting a new draft entitled "An Act authorizing the town of Wareham to grant 7 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises" (Senate, No. 3141).

**The amendment was adopted.**

**The bill (Senate, No. 3141) was then passed to be engrossed.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The House Bill amending the charter of the city of Newburyport (House, No. 3925),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Newburyport,-- charter.

The House Bill providing for tenant member appointment to the board of the Needham Housing Authority (House, No. 4964),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Needham Housing Authority.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5393) of Kay Khan that the State Retirement Board be authorized to grant certain creditable service to Robin Blatt, an employee of the Department of Public Health,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Robin Blatt,-- creditable service.

*Order.*

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

*Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy be granted until Friday, December 16, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 5291.

Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, - extension order.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the order (House, No. 5357) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.**

The House Bill prohibiting license revocation for student loan default (House, No. 4339, amended),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had concurred in the Senate amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3058, *with a further amendment* striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5195.

Student loan default.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the further House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.**

The House Bill relative to the preparation of certain bilingual ballots in the city of Malden (House, No. 4793, amended),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had concurred in the Senate amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3122, *with further*

Malden,-- bilingual ballots.

*amendments* in section 2 by inserting after the word “state”, in line 11, the first time that it appears, the words: “primary and”; in section 4, by inserting after the word “state”, in line 21, the words: “primary and”; in section 5 by inserting after the words “ballots for”, in line 34, the words: “federal or”; and by adding the following section:

“SECTION 6. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2023.”.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O’Connor, and the further House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.**

*Engrossed Bills.*

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the House), 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. Crighton) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Designating the portion of United States highway route 20 in Massachusetts the Medal of Honor Highway (see House, No. 4436, amended); and

Bills laid before the Governor.

Exempting Jonathan Dillon from the maximum age requirement for original appointment as a police officer in the town of Dedham (see House, No. 4999, amended).

*Order Adopted.*

Mr. Collins in the Chair, on motion of Mr. O’Connor,--

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

Time of meeting.

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Collins), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection in memory of Kenneth J. McLeod.

Moment of silence.

*Adjournment in Memory of Mr. Kenneth J. McLeod.*

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Mr. Kenneth J. McLeod of South Boston.

Mr. Kenneth J. McLeod, passed away peacefully on October 14, 2022 with his two sisters, Maryann McLeod Crush and Carol McLeod Brooks, by his side. Kenny was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Mary Pacitti McLeod and his father Kenneth McLeod. Kenny’s memory will be cherished by his daughter Emily McLeod, the light of his life, his two sisters Maryann McLeod Crush and Carol McLeod Brooks, Carol’s husband Joseph Brooks, his nieces Ashley Crush and Brittany Crush his great nephew Liam Michael Crush in addition to his many cousins and friends.

Kenny’s lifelong passion was music followed by art as a close second. As a young teenager, Kenny practiced playing the drums in the basement of his home at 137 P Street during the early 1960’s. He and his friends would charge 25 cents for their concerts. Many neighbors and even a few teachers (nuns) from St. Brigid School came to listen to “Rock and Roll” which was the cusp of a new musical frontier during the boomer generation. Kenny was known for his kind, helpful spirit. He was truly a gentle giant.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Kenneth J. McLeod, at twenty-one minutes before twelve o’clock noon, on motion of Mr. O’Connor, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

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