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Thursday, February 2, 2023.

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

The Chair (Mr. Collins), 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. Collins) handed the gavel to Mr. Feeney for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Feeney then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Foxborough High School co-ed cheerleading team. Members of the team include Corinne Kaveny, Kenny Mello, Shannon Kenneally, Sophia Sougaris, Peyton Carroll, Isabelle Leclair, Jillian Slattery, Nicholas Mello, Adelaide Hayden, Nillah Lopes, Isabella Marinucci, Audrey Hickox, Sarah Polito, Isabella Cleary, Alliana Stamatos, Maria Ferraro and Maderyn Simpson. The team was recognized for winning back-to-back fall and winter state championship titles. The team was accompanied by Head Coach Nicole Lee, Athletic Director Joe Cusack and Representative Barrows of Mansfield. The Senate applauded their accomplishments and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Foxborough High School Co-ed Cheerleading Team.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Collins) handed the gavel to Mr. Timilty for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Timilty then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the boys and girls Oliver Ames High School cross country teams. The girls team was recognized for winning the 2022 MIAA Division 1C State Championship Title and the boys team was recognized for being the 2022 MIAA Division 1C Champion Runner-Ups. They were led by Coaches: Kyle Sousa, Allison Cleary, Troy Kent, Helen van Riel and OA Athletics Director Ryan Gordy. The Senate applauded their accomplishments and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Oliver Ames High School Cross Country Teams.

Communication.

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Bethany Li (pursuant to Section 68 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the commission on the status of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (received February 2, 2023),-- was placed on file.

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders commission,-- appt.

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 MCI Cedar Junction (received February 1, 2023),-- was placed on file.

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD2428

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Lovely, for the temporary committee on Rules, a Report recommending proposed Senate Rules to be adopted as the permanent rules of the Senate for 2023- 2024 (Senate, No. 17).

Proposed Senate Rules.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Order Adopted

Ms. Lovely offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the Report of the Temporary Committee on Rules relative to the Rules of the Senate for 2023-2024 (Senate, No. 17), shall be placed in the Orders of the Day on Thursday, February 9, 2023. The question will be on acceptance of the report.

Procedural order,--Senate Rules.

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 5:00 P.M., on Monday, February 6, 2023. The Clerk shall further specify the procedure and format for filing all amendments, consistent with this order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

The report (Senate, No. 17) was placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, February 9th.

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Lovely, for the temporary committee on Rules, a Report recommending proposed Joint Rules to be adopted as the permanent Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives for 2023-2024 (Senate, No. 18).

Proposed Joint Rules.

Order Adopted.

Ms. Lovely offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the Report of the Temporary Committee on Rules recommending proposed Joint Rules to be adopted as permanent rules of the Senate and House of Representatives for 2023-2024 (Senate, No. 18), shall be placed in the Orders of the Day on Thursday, February 9, 2023. The question will be on acceptance of the report.

Procedural order,-Joint Rules.

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 5:00 P.M., on Monday, February 6, 2023. The Clerk shall further specify the procedure and format for filing all amendments, consistent with this order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Lovely, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

The report (Senate, No. 18) was placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, February 9th.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

The annual report of the Public Employee Retirement Commission (under sections 21, 102 and 103 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) relative to the per centum change in the average cost-of-living as shown by the United States consumer price index for the year 2023 compared with such index for the year 2022 (House, No. 48),-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

PERAC,-- cost of living.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Lovely), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Mary Margaret Moore.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Timilty,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday

Time of meeting.

next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Adjournment in Memory of Mary Margaret Moore.

The Senator from Essex, Ms. Lovely, and the Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Mary Margaret Moore of Salem.

Mary Margaret Moore died surrounded by her loving family following a one-year courageous battle at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers. She was the beloved wife of Marcia A. Brennan with whom they shared over 33 years of marriage.

Born in North Quincy, she was the daughter of the late George Patrick and Evelyn (Goldberg) Moore. She was raised and educated in North Quincy and was a graduate of North Quincy High School. She continued her education at Emmanuel College and received her bachelor's degree from Bridgewater State College, and later received her master's degree from Antioch College.

Mary Margaret had a long and distinguished career as a civil rights and social justice advocate. Her career took her all over the country, from working with FEMA to working for the Department of Mental Health in Boston and for the Independent Living Center in Salem. She worked tirelessly for civil rights and disability rights for all.

She was a member of the Danvers Fish and Game, Over the Rainbow Dinner Club, and the National Council on Independent Living as well. She was well known for her love of pink flamingos and her pink highlights in her hair.

Besides her loving wife Marcia, she is survived by her daughter, Robin and her husband Kevin Lesher and their son Drake of South Carolina and is also survived by her three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; the Joyce family of Cape Cod; the Moore family of Missouri; the Brennan family of Massachusetts and New Hampshire and many loving friends. She was predeceased by her brother, George Moore, her three sisters, Rita, Gail, and Sheila, and by her beloved son Thomas Gagnon, Jr.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Mary Margaret Moore, at twenty-nine minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Timilty, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.