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Thursday, July 6, 2023.

Met at twenty-four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Rodrigues in the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. Rodrigues), 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. Rodrigues) handed the gavel to Ms. Miranda for the purpose of an introduction. Ms. Miranda then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, a delegation from Cape Verde. Among the group were: mayor of the city of Mosteiros Fogo, Dr. Fabio Vieira and his wife, Eneida Pina, city council member, Dr. Nelson Pires and guest of the mayor, Antonio Rodrigues. The Senate welcomed them with applause, they signed the guestbook and they withdrew from the Chamber. The delegation was accompanied by Ana Cabral of the Women's Warrior Project in New Bedford and Representative Cabral of New Bedford.

Cape Verde delegation.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Rodrigues), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Mary Camille Clougher.

Moment of silence.

Distinguished Guests.

Mr. Collins having taken the Chair; several guests were introduced as follows:

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Collins) handed the gavel to Mr. DiDomenico for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. DiDomenico then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Elio and Danny Fox from São Paulo, Brazil. They were accompanied by San Amato of Everett. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Elio and Danny Fox.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Collins) introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, President of the Cape Verde Association of Boston Paulo DeBarros and Nilton Andrade. They were welcomed with applause, presented a Senate Citation recognizing the 48th anniversary of Cape Verdean independence and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Paulo DeBarros and Nilton Andrade.

Communications.

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

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Senators Pavel Payano and John C. Velis (under Section 214 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) to the selection committee for the Madeline Amy Sweeney Award for Civilian Bravery (received June 30, 2023);

Madeline Amy Sweeney Award.

Communication from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (pursuant to Section 30 of Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022) submitting an update to its COVID-19 vaccine equity plan 60-day report (received July 3, 2023); and

EOHHS,-- VEI report update. SD2675

Communication from the Department of Public Health submitting its Arbovirus Weekly Report for the week of July 3, 2023 (received July 5, 2023).

DPH,-- arbovirus report. SD2676

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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 Franklin County Jail and House of Correction (received July 5, 2023),-- **was placed on file.**

DPH,-- facility inspection.
SD2678

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Edwards (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paegan Deering for legislation to direct the state retirement board to grant credible service to Paegan Deering; and

Paegan Deering,-- creditable service.
SD2677

By Mr. Oliveira, a petition, (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jacob R. Oliveira and Aaron L. Saunders for legislation to protect against attempts to ban, remove, or restrict library access to materials;

Library access,-- restrict.
SD2679

Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Oliveira, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1281) of Cynthia Stone Creem (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend section 5 of chapter 270 of the Acts of 1985, as amended, to authorize delegation by general by-law of all select board licensing authority, - and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure; and

Brookline,-- licensing authority.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1289) of Julian Cyr for legislation relative to installing solar energy systems in historic districts,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Solar energy,-- historic districts.

Severally, under Senate Rule 36, the reports were considered forthwith and accepted.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Representative David F. DeCoste of Norwell has been appointed to serve as his designee (under Section 72 of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023) to the Special Legislative Commission to Study and Examine the Civil Service Law.

Study and Examine the Civil Service Law Commission,-- appt.

The following petitions, having been timely filed by five o'clock P.M. on January 20, 2023, were referred in concurrence as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3962) of Russell E. Holmes and Liz Miranda for legislation to provide equitable sentencing for felony and joint venture murder;

Equitable sentencing,-- felony murder.

To the committee on the Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3963) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Mike Connolly and Vanna Howard relative to zoning and the alleviation of the housing emergency;

Housing emergency,-- zoning.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Wilmington,-- Joanne Ricardelli.

Time of meeting.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3964) of David Allen Robertson (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt Joanne Ricardelli from the maximum age requirement for appointment as a firefighter in the town of Wilmington,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That, when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Adjournment in Memory of Mary Camille Clougher.

The Senator from Norfolk and Plymouth, Mr. Keenan, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Mary Camille Clougher.

Mary Camille Clougher of Holbrook passed away peacefully at the age of 62 on March 8, 2023, surrounded by her loved ones, after a courageous battle with Multiple Myeloma. Mary is survived by her devoted husband of 37 years, William Clougher, as well as her beautiful children, Paul Clougher, Phillip Clougher, and Marisa Politano and her husband Zachary.

Mary was born in Dorchester and grew up in South Boston and Quincy. She was the daughter of the late Camille and Paul Satkewich and a loving sister to her brother, Charles Satkewich and his wife Marie; her late sister-in-law Elise Lavidor Satkewich; her sister, the late Anna Hogan; her brother-in-law, Frank Hogan and his wife Barbara; and her beloved twin brother, John Satkewich and his wife Darlene. Mary was a beloved daughter-in-law to the late John Clougher and his wife Mary McLaughlin Clougher, and the loving aunt and Godmother to her many nieces and nephews.

Mary graduated from North Quincy High School in 1978 and the University of Massachusetts Boston in 1982, majoring in Political Science and History. She taught in the Holbrook Public Schools since 2002 at the John. F. Kennedy School, the South School and Holbrook Middle-High School.

As the Advisor to the Civics Club which she founded in 2008, Mary spearheaded Project Citizen and in 2018 received an "Unsung Heroine Award of Massachusetts" after a bill she and her students filed and advocated for became law, commemorating Peace Day in Massachusetts every September 21st.

In 2020 Mary received the "Adult Advisor Award" and "Outstanding Chapter Award" from the Massachusetts 84 Movement, a statewide movement of youth fighting tobacco use. She and her students worked hard to pass comprehensive tobacco ordinances in Holbrook and nearby towns, and then spearheaded legislation at the state level. During the legislative process, Mary and her students frequently came to the State House to testify at committee hearings, meet legislators, hold press conferences, and then for the bill signing ceremony with Governor Baker and state public health officials in 2019. Four other states have since passed similar laws.

Mary also worked with The Martin Richard Foundation to establish the Bulldogs Build Bridges and Bulldogs Don't Bully initiatives. She worked with various foundations and charities such as the Peace One Day Foundation, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Sandy Hook Promise, Pennies for Patients, and Hasbro Toy Drive. She co-directed each musical, concert and theater camp production at Holbrook High School since

2004 and served as an Advisor for Soldiers Club and Student Council. Mary organized Voter Registration Drives, Student Government Day, Memorial Day Parades, Flag Day Ceremonies, welcome home parties for servicemembers, and Christmas Tree Lightings. In 2015, she marched on Washington with Holbrook Cares to fight to end the stigma associated with substance use. As a CCD teacher at St. Joseph's Parish, she was a "Light of the World Award" recipient.

In Mary's life there were many constants, first and foremost love. Her love for family was incredibly deep and everlasting. She loved her many friends. And she loved the students to whom she gave such devotion, teaching and encouraging them to be kind and caring, to be active and engaged, to have peace in their hearts, and to appreciate the gift of each day. She could do all this because that is how she lived.

Often it is said when a person dies the world suffers a loss. With Mary's passing this is true, but the greater truth is that the world is a better place and will keep getting better because Mary lived.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Mary Camille Clougher, at eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.