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Met at twenty-one 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) introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the President of Cape Verde, José Maria Neves. President Neves was welcomed with applause, addressed the Senate from the Rostrum, signed the guestbook and withdrew from the Chamber. He was accompanied by members of his delegation.

President José Maria Neves.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Rodrigues) introduced guests of the Minority Leader Bruce Tarr, in the Senate Gallery, the 8th grade class from the Rupert A. Nock Middle School in Newburyport. The students were on a field trip to the State House learning about the different aspects of state government. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Gallery.

Rupert A. Nock
Middle School,-- 8th
grade.

Communications.

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

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader, announcing the appointment of Senator Patrick M. O'Connor (pursuant to Section 76 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) to the Brain Injury Commission;

Brain Injury
Commission,-- appt.

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the Pondville Correctional Center inspection on March 22, 2023 (received March 30, 2023); and

DPH,-- plan of
correction.
SD2542

Communication from the Office of the Inspector General (pursuant to Section 161 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its 2022 report on MassHealth and the Health Safety Net (received March 31, 2023).

OIG,-- HSN report.
SD2546

Reports.

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

Report of the Cannabis Control Commission (pursuant to Section 18 of Chapter 94G of the General Laws) submitting its annual audit report (received March 30, 2023);

CCC,-- audit report.
SD2541

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 Correctional Facility (received March 30, 2023);

DPH,-- facility
inspection.
SD2543

Report of the Advisory Commission on Travel and Tourism (pursuant to Section 13H of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) submitting its 2022 annual report (received March 31, 2023); and

ACTT,-- annual
report.
SD2544

Report of the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy (pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 306 of the Acts of 2008) submitting its 2022 annual report, audited financial statements and other supporting documents (received March 31, 2023).

RFKGC,-- 2022
reporting.
SD2545

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Petition.

Mr. Pacheco presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation to update and decrease a carbon emissions limit that achieves at least net zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Carbon emissions,--
decrease.
SD2547

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tarr) “commending New England Donor Services, Inc. on recognizing April 2023 as donate life month”; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tarr) “congratulating Chief Justice Timothy F. Sullivan on his retirement from the Housing Court Department of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth.”

New England Donor
Services, Inc.
Chief Justice
Timothy F. Sullivan.

Report of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Michael D. Brady for legislation to establish boxer protection and a safe and regulated environment for professional combat sports in Massachusetts.

Boxer protection.
SD2511

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

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

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at twenty-nine minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.