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Met at ten 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.

Communication.

Communication from the Office of Medicaid (pursuant to Section 226 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Medicare Savings Program Transfer report (received October 18, 2024),-- was placed on file.

Medicare,-- Savings Program Transfer report. SD3489

Report.

Report of the Cannabis Control Commission (pursuant to Section 4(h) of Chapter 94G of the General Laws) submitting its seventh annual activities report (received October 17, 2024),-- was placed on file.

CCC,-- annual report. SD3490

Petition.

Mr. Tarr presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr, Peter J. Durant, Ryan C. Fattman, Patrick M. O'Connor and other members of the General Court for legislation to enhance the authority of courts to protect public safety,-- and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Judicial authority,-- public safety. SD3490

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Steve Walsh, President and CEO of the Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association has been appointed to serve as his designee (under Section 42 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) to the Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Commission.

MA-Ireland Trade Commission,-- appt.

Bills

Relating to the regular compensation of certain active and retired employees of the city of Fitchburg (House, No. 3864,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Fitchburg,-- employee compensation. Boston,-- Elsie Barbosa employment.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Elsie Barbosa (House, No. 4932,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Relative to the department of public works in the town of Southborough (House, No. 5010,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Southborough,-- DPW.

Amending the Williamstown town charter (House, No. 5076,-- on House, No. 5003) [Local approval received on House, No. 5003];

Williamstown,-- charter.

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Townsend (House, No. 3728, 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 2752, *with a further amendment* striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5064.

Townsend,--  
charter.

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

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Cherylann Collaro-Surette, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 5057,-- on petition),-- was read.

Cherylann Collaro-Surette,-- sick  
leave.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5078) of Antonio F. D. Cabral, Michael J. Rodrigues and others for the annual issuance of a proclamation by the Governor setting apart July 2 as Machado-Joseph disease awareness day,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.**

Machado-Joseph  
disease awareness  
day.

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Collins), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Robert Pineau.

Moment of silence.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--  
*Ordered,* That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourns to meet again on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Time of meeting.

*Adjournment in Memory of Robert Pineau.*

The Senator from Plymouth and Norfolk, Mr. O'Connor moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Robert Mathias "Bob" Pineau, 71, of Duxbury, unexpectedly passed away on October 4, 2024.

Born in Brockton, Massachusetts, on June 4, 1953, to Robert and Bernadette Pineau, Bob was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and leader who touched countless lives both personally and professionally.

He attended Cardinal Spellman High School, graduating in 1971, before earning a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Bentley College. Bob went on to become a licensed CPA and earned an MBA from Suffolk University. He began his career with PKF in Boston and later joined Electroswitch in Weymouth, where he started as an entry level employee and rose through the ranks to become President and CEO.

Bob was a man of great faith. Last year he traveled to Medjugorje in honor of our Blessed Mother. He served on the board of the Catholic Cemetery Group of the Archdiocese of Boston and supported the initiatives of Cardinal Sean O'Malley for the Catholic education of children, the education of priests, and the continuance of chaplaincy programs for the

sick and hospitalized. Bob would never miss Sunday mass no matter where he was.

Bob was passionate about life beyond his successful career. An avid golfer, he also loved boating, kayaking, and traveling, but his greatest joy was spending time with his beloved wife and best friend, Donna, their children, and grandchildren.

His generosity of spirit extended to the community, where Bob was widely recognized for his commitment to service. He received numerous awards, including the prestigious Paul Harris Award through Rotary International, and held leadership roles in many South Shore organizations.

Among his many roles, he served as President of Duxbury Youth Hockey, President of the Weymouth Rotary Club, Chair of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, and was a long-time Board member for South Shore Hospital. For years Bob has served on the Board of Directors of Father Bill's & MainSpring. He supported many other charitable organizations, championing causes for the vulnerable both locally and globally, including the The Arc of the South Shore, Boston Healthcare for the Homeless Program, Friendship Home in Norwell, Heroes in Transition, Mercy Ships, MGH Global Mission in Bangladesh, New England Villages, Norwell VNA and Hospice, the Talking Information Center, and Wounded Warriors Project. Bob also funded scholarships for the education of nurses at Laboure College of Healthcare.

Bob's legacy of leadership and compassion will forever live on through his family and the many lives he touched. He is survived by his wife, Donna, his children Brad (Briana) Pineau, Meredith (Darren) Fahy, R. Brian (Kelsey) Pineau, and Elizabeth (Ryan) Hamilton, as well as his cherished grandchildren Brady, Clara, Parker, Brooke, Rose, and a soon-to-arrive baby boy Pineau.

He is also survived by his siblings Mary Redman, Therese Robishaw and husband Harry, Donald Pineau, Gabrielle Pineau, Sara Mydlack and husband Thomas, Joseph Pineau and wife Deborah, and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents and his sister Suzanne.

His loss leaves a huge hole in the South Shore community. We truly lost a giant.

Rest in Peace Bob and thank you so much for all that you have done changing the lives of so many people for the better. You will be incredibly missed.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Robert Pineau, at twenty minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. O'Connor, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.