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Met at a quarter 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 North Attleborough High School football team. The Red Rocketeers were recognized for winning the MIAA Division 3 state championship title in a 35-0 win against the Mansfield Hornets on December 6, 2024. The team was accompanied by Head Coach Mike Strachan, Coaches Mike Crovo, Dan Hayes, Stan House, Billy Kummer, Will Kummer, Paul Magliocco, Jack Piller, Chip Porier, Jack Strachan and Frank Strachan, Superintendent John J. Antonucci, Principal Peter Haviland, Athletic Director/AP Coordinator Nick Schlierf and Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough. The Senate applauded their accomplishments and they withdrew from the Chamber.

North Attleboro High School football team.

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 re-appointment of Senator Julian Cyr (pursuant to Section 69 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the permanent commission on the status of grandparents raising grandchildren (received January 10, 2025);

Grandparents raising grandchildren commission,-- appt. SD303

Communication from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (pursuant to Section 79 of Chapter 6C of the General Laws) submitting a proposed license fee for the licensing of concrete aggregate manufacturers (received December 30, 2024); and

MassDOT,-- fee notice. SD379

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader, announcing the appointment of Anthony Amore (pursuant to Section 214 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024) to the special commission to study and examine opportunities for collaboration and consolidation among the department of correction, the county sheriffs, the parole board and the office of community corrections (received January 13, 2025);

Correctional collaboration and consolidation commission,-- appt.

Reports.

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

Report of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities (pursuant to Section 74 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its Fiscal Year 2024 annual report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities and the

SPD Commission,-- FY24 annual report. SD261

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Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development) (received January 10, 2025);

Report of the Middlesex District Attorney's Office (pursuant to Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of wiretap interceptions for the 2024 calendar year (received January 10, 2025); and

Report of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council (pursuant to Section 17 of Chapter 23E of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2024 annual report (received January 13, 2025).

Middlesex DA,--
wiretaps.
SD305

WCAC,-- annual
report.
SD377

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Creem,

Ordered, That a convention of the two branches be held at six o'clock P.M., on Thursday, January 16, 2025, for the purpose of receiving such communication as the Governor, Maura T. Healey may be pleased to make to them relating to the concerns of the Commonwealth.

Convention of the
two branches.

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

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 Margaret Rooney.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Durant,--

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

Time of meeting.

Adjourn In Memory of Margaret Rooney.

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Mrs. Margaret C. "Peg" "Hon" (Corliss) Rooney of South Boston.

Margaret "Peg" "Hon" (Corliss), died surrounded by the family she cherished, on January 9, 2025. Daughter of the late Michael Corliss and Delia (Waldron) Corliss. The beloved wife of the late Frederick M. Rooney. Proud and devoted mother to Frederick "Buddy" and his wife, Cheryl of Berkley and the late Cathy (Caputo) Rooney, James "Jim" and his wife, Maryanne of Dorchester, Michael and his wife, Valerie of Hingham, Thomas "Tommy" Rooney of Braintree and Susan Linehan Rooney of Quincy, Jackie Rooney of South Boston and Jeanne Noonan Rooney of South Boston, Paul Rooney of Boston, Mark and his wife, Theresa of South Boston, Larry and his wife, Beth of Milton, Joe Rooney of Dorchester, Jay and his wife, Carolyn of Milton, Chris and his wife, Lisa of Milton; and the late infant son Charles Rooney. Cherished grandmother of 30 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Sister of the late Josephine O'Connor and her husband, Fran, John Corliss and his wife, Evie, Michael "Bernie" Corliss and his wife, Rosanna, Theresa O'Toole and her husband, Tommy. Peg is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A daughter of Irish immigrants and child of the depression era, Peg was an

incredibly inspiring woman, devoted to her family and her faith. She had a heart full of love and a soul full of compassion, not just for her eleven boys but for all who were part of her life. Peg created a positive and nurturing environment for her sons who grew up with a strong foundation built with respect, values and personal responsibility. She was always there for her family and her community, offering encouragement, whether it was cheering at games or celebrating accomplishments. As her sons started families, that love and devotion continued for all 43 of her grandchildren great-grandchildren. Peg's energy was boundless. She somehow found the time to enjoy volunteering and supporting the various youth sports programs, the Laboure, the Simon of Cyrene Society, Julie's Family Learning Center, St. Monica's Food Pantry and other community organizations. Peg always believed in her boys and that belief fueled their confidence and their drive. She stood by her boys when they faced defeat and disappointment and taught them how to move on. They are the men they are today because she was such a strong woman.

A dedicated public servant, Mrs. Rooney served for decades working at the State House Information Technology Department prior to her retirement.

She will be missed by her family, friends, colleagues at the State House, her community of South Boston and all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Margaret Rooney, at twenty-eight minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Durant, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.