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Monday, August 8, 2016.

Met at three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Forry in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

The Chair (Ms. Forry), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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 (pursuant to Section 115 of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2016) of Senator Patrick M. OConnor to the Special Commission on pension forfeiture to review the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court in *Public Employee Retirement Administration v, Edward A. Bettencourt* 474 Mass, 60 (2016);

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 2E of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2016) submitting the Fiscal Year 2017 transfer schedule for the following account: 1599-6152 State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund (received August 4, 2016); and

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to item 1599-2040 of Section 2B of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) submitting its paid prior year deficiencies report containing information regarding prior year deficiencies through chargebacks to FY2016 funds (received August 4, 2016).

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4572) of David K. Muradian, Jr. and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) that the town of Grafton be authorized to exempt certain police officers from provisions of the civil service law;

To the committee on Public Service.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4573) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush (by vote of the town) relative to the assessment of local property taxes in the town of Westwood;

To the committee on Revenue.

A Bill increasing the annual stipend for members of the Commonwealth's hazardous material response teams (House, No. 645,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Bills.

Relative to the sale of children's jewelry (House, No. 253,-- on petition); and Establishing a pulmonary hypertension task force (House, No. 4121,-- on petition);

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

A Bill concerning long-term homeowners in the city of Boston (House, No. 4571,-- on House, No. 3200) [Local approval received on House, No. 3200]-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

The Senate Bill preventing animal suffering and death (Senate, No. 2369),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in section 7, in line 36, by inserting after the word "violation" the words " , if an animal control officer contacted by either of these agencies in response to a violation of this section is unresponsive or unavailable".

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. deMacedo and the House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

A Bill relative to special police officers in the city of Newton (House, No. 3885,-- on petition),--was read.

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

A Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Boston as the Navy Cross Recipient PFC Alvin Richard Gale, USMC Memorial Bridge (House, No. 4153,-- on petition), was read.

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

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Ms. Forry) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Relative to a certain residential tax exemption in the city of Chelsea (see Senate, No. 2268); and

Relative to the towing away and storage of motor vehicles (see Senate, No. 2452).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. deMacedo,--

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

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