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Thursday, March 24, 2005.

Met at two minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Rosenberg in the Chair).

The Senator from Hampden and Hampshire, Mr. Knapik, then led the Chair (Mr. Rosenberg), members, guests and employees in the recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Rosenberg) introduced, the Honorable Pierrette Ringuette, member of the national Canadian Senate. Senator Ringuette was the first female Acadian elected to the Parliament from New Brunswick. She has served in the provincial and national legislatures in Canada. Senator Ringuette accepted resolutions previously offered by Senator Baddour and adopted by the Senate. Senator Ringuette briefly addressed the Chamber, signed the guest book and withdrew from the Chamber. Senator Ringuette was the guest of Senators Baddour and Rosenberg.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Rosenberg) introduced, seated in the gallery, students from the Roxbury Charter School. They were the guests of Senator Wilkerson.

Communications.

The following communications were severally placed on file:

Communication from the Department of Education (in accordance with Section 8 of Chapter 433 of the Acts of 2004) submitting a copy of the initial report of the task force on the current availability, quality and administration of and future needs for speech-language and audiology services in school districts (received Friday, March 18, 2005); and
Communication from the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Section 3B of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) giving notice of its intention to amend 801 CMR 4.00: Fees for Licenses, Permits, and Services to be charged by State Agencies (a copy having been forwarded to the Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight) (received Tuesday, March 22, 2005).

Report.

A report of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (under the Provisions of Subsection 11 of Section 151 of the Acts of 1999) relative to the Authority's efforts to maximize non-transportation revenue (received Friday, March 18, 2005),— **was placed on file.**

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brown and Ms. Spilka) “congratulating Michael A. ‘Duke’ DeLuca”;
Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Joyce, Montigny and Tolman) “congratulating Best Buddies on the first annual Disabilities Awareness Day”; and
Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Nuciforo, Barrios, Berry, Brewer, Creedon, McGee and Moore, Ms. Murray, Messrs. O’Leary and Pacheco, Ms. Resor, Mr. Shannon and Ms. Tucker) “memorializing the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation and the President of the United States to support enforcement of the Federal Clean Air Act.”

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2603) of Stephen Kulik and Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr., relative to the financial conditions in the Chesterfield Goshen Regional School District,— **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Education.**

Petition.

On motion of Ms. Menard, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended on the petition, presented by Mr. Morrissey, (accompanied by bill) of Michael W. Morrissey and Bruce J. Ayers for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Carol G. Davis, an employee of the George Fingold Library,— **and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered, as follows:

The House Bill authorizing the appointment of Timothy Pacheco as a firefighter in the town of Arlington (House, No. 33),— **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the city of Waltham to construct a veterans memorial and community bandstand and to install certain plaques on open space land (House, No. 1719,— on petition) [Local approval received],— was read.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Hedlund, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The House Bill establishing the office of collector-treasurer in the town of Swansea (see House, No. 139),— having been returned to the House by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment [for message, see House, No. 1723] came from the House with the endorsement that the House had concurred in the Governor’s amendment (as recommended by House B.T.R.), striking out section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on April 12, 2005.”

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

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Knapik,—

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

On motion of the same Senator, at fourteen minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Monday at eleven o’clock A.M.