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Monday, March 30, 2009.

Met at three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Spilka in the Chair).

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

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. McGee, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill to establish a sick leave bank for Michelle Curnew (Senate, No. 1011); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to establish a sick leave bank for Frank Silveira, an employee of the Department of Revenue (Senate, No. 1086);

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3852) of Bill Bowles (with the approval of the mayor and municipal council) that the city of Attleboro be authorized to utilize "design build" phased construction approach for projects being undertaken as part of the federal economic stimulus initiative, notwithstanding the uniform procurement law,— **was referred, in concurrence, to committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.**

A Bill improving the laws relating to ethics and lobbying (House, No. 3856,— on House, No. 3853), — **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Ethics and Rules.**

A Bill relative to the town clerk of the town of Weston (House, No. 3472,— on petition) [Local Approval received], — **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Report of the committee on Elder Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 535) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for a legislative Amendment to the Constitution to establish an independent redistrict commission and criteria for redistricting for state House, Senate and Councilor districts and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Election Laws,— **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

Report of the committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 759) of Marian Walsh, Thomas M. Menino, Patricia D. Jehlen and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to substance addiction treatment and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Revenue,— **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Chandler) “honoring Gerald L. Stevens for his dedicated service to the Tris Speaker Little League and to the families of Worcester”; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Knapik) “honoring Justice John M. Greaney.”

Communication.

The Clerk read the following communication:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

March 30, 2009.

Mr. William Welch
Clerk of the Senate
State House, Room 335
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

On Thursday, March 12, I met in Washington with General Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs where he briefed Lt. Governor Murray, my co-chair on the Joint Committee on Veterans Affairs, Representative Naughton and me on the stimulus and budget monies available for veterans programs. We spoke about different veteran initiatives at the federal and state levels and our need for funding for various state veterans programs.

Due to my meeting with the Secretary, I was unable to be present at the formal session that day. Had I been in attendance I would have voted in the negative on both amendments to H3415 and in the affirmative to engross H3415.

Respectfully,
KENNETH J. DONNELLY,
State Senator.

On motion of Mr. Knapik, the above communication was ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Petition.

On motion of Ms. Fargo, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended on the petition, presented by Ms. Flanagan (accompanied by bill) of Jennifer L. Flanagan for legislation to ensure continuity of care for patients taking prescription medication,— **and the same was referred to the committee on Public Health.**

Recess.

There being no objection, at five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Ms. Spilka) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at twenty-nine minutes before two o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Ms. Spilka in the Chair.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Panagiotakos, for the committee on Ways and Means, under the provisions of Senate Rule 19, a Committee Bill providing responsible reforms in the pension system (Senate, No. 2025);

Read and referred, under Senate Rule 26, to the committee on Ethics and Rules.

Subsequently, Mr. Berry, for the said committee on Ethics and Rules, reported that the matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session for a second reading.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Knapik,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at one o'clock P.M., in a full formal session.

On motion of the same Senator, at twenty-seven minutes before two o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at one o'clock P.M.