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*Monday, March 7, 2011.*

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. McGee in the Chair).

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

#### *Communication.*

A communication from the Executive Office for Administration and Finance, Human Resources Division (under the provisions of Section 25 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws) submitting notice of revocation of certain public safety fire promotional lists (received Friday, March 4, 2011),— **was placed on file.**

#### *Report of a Committee.*

By Ms. Clark, for the committee on the Public Service, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave for Peggy Machado, an employee of the Department of Corrections (Senate, No. 1336);

**Read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

#### *Committee Discharged.*

Ms. Clark, for the committee on Public Service, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration on so much of the message of His Excellency the Governor (in so much as relates to sections 3, 4, and 5) for legislation to further strengthen the Commonwealth's partnership with its municipalities (House, No. 36),— **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Revenue.**

**Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence in the discharge of the joint committee.**

#### *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Eldridge) "congratulating the Boxborough Grange Number 131 on the occasion of its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary."

### PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

#### *Emergency Preamble Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Margaret A. Bagley, an employee of the Trial Court (see House, No. 44), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- **was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article**

**LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0. The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. McGee) and sent to the House for enactment.**

*Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Nena Canada, an employee of the Trial Court (see Senate, No. 23) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. McGee) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Ross,--

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

*Adjournment in Memory of Stefan George Racz*

The Senator from Hampshire and Franklin, Mr. Rosenberg, requested that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Stefan George Racz.

Stefan George Racz, Chairman of the Buckland Select Board died unexpectedly, Friday, February 25, 2011. A U.S. Air Force veteran and thirty-seven year resident of Buckland, Stef enjoyed his retirement from the Yankee Rowe Nuclear Power Plant by investing his time and energy in the citizens and broader Buckland community. His aspirations for expanded public service were manifested in his two campaigns for State Representative in 2006 and 2010.

A Selectman since 2003, he was serving his 3rd term at the time of his death. Civility and respect were central to his personal and governance philosophy. Highly visible and accessible to Buckland residents and visitors, Stef embodied public service. He participated in a diversity of organizations including the Memorial Hall Association, Franklin Regional Council of Governments, TRIAD, Shelburne Senior Center, Shelburne Falls Information Center, and he was a member of the First Congregational Church of Buckland.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 40 years, Roxana, his daughter Rebecca and her partner Kenny Butler of Buckland. He also leaves his brother, Edward Racz, Jr. of Bethlehem, PA; nephew Michael and his wife Sarah of Seattle, WA; and his niece Zara, of Watertown, MA. He also leaves his Aunt Vasilissa and three cousins, Kristiina, Leila, and Solmaza in Estonia and Russia.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Stefan George Racz, at a quarter past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Ross, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.