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Thursday, August 2, 2012.

Met at one minute past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Donoghue 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. Donoghue), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Ms. Donoghue) introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Mary Ann O'Brien and Dottie Chandonett from Lowell. They were on a tour of the State House for the first time and learning about the different aspects of state government. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Donnelly, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on Senate, Nos. 1563, 1575 and 1576, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to public records issues (Senate, No. 2412);

Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Bills

Making faculty sabbatical provisions at state universities consistent with other higher education institutions (House, No. 4295,-- on House, No. 2104);

Relative to the licensing and supervision of debt management services in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4303, amended,-- on House, No. 291); and

Relative to bail fees (House, No. 4358,-- on House, No. 2828);

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

Bills

Relative to the prevention of falls in the elderly community (House, No. 180,-- on petition);

Designating a certain section of state highway Route 2 in the city of Cambridge and town of Arlington as the James M. Gavin Memorial Highway (House, No. 913,-- on petition);

Clarifying participation in athletic safety programs (House, No. 2347, changed,-- on petition);

Designating a certain section of state highway Route 53 in the city of Weymouth as the Stephen T. O'Donnell Memorial Highway (House, No. 3421,-- on petition);

Establishing a maximum allowable check-cashing rate (House, No. 3567, amended,-- on House, No. 1880); and

To adopt a definition of intellectual disability consistent with the American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (House, No. 4252,-- on House, No. 3527);

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

Bills

Relative to funding of collective bargaining agreements in the town of North Andover (House, No. 3591—on petition) [Local approval received];

Authorizing the appointment of Amy McCarthy as a police officer in the town of North Andover, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 3835,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Authorizing the town of Sharon to issue licenses to certain establishments for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4163,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Authorizing the city of Medford to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4246,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Knapik) “congratulating Nancy Bartley on the occasion of her retirement as Assistant Chief Probation Officer for the Holyoke District Court.”

Reports of Committees.

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

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Lowell as the Gentz Brothers Memorial Bridge (House, No. 3951).

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

By Mr. Berry, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Therese Murray and Thomas Calter for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Ellen Grady, an employee of the Department of Public Health.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Hedlund, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4379) of John J. Binienda relative to unfair or deceptive business practices;

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4378) of Alice K. Wolf for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Timothy J. O’Brien, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services;

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Engrossed Bills.

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

Relative to providing hearing aids for children (see House, No. 52, changed and amended); and

Relative to the treatment of cleft palate and cleft lip (see House, No. 3928, amended).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Donnelly,--

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

On motion of Mr. Hedlund, at nineteen minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M.