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Thursday, October 18, 2012.

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

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Ms. Flanagan) handed the gavel to Ms. Spilka for the purpose of an introduction. Ms. Spilka then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, a delegation from Hong Kong. Government officials Donald C K Tong, Anita Chan, Paul Cheung and East West Bank Senior Vice President Johnny Ip were recognized. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber. The group was accompanied by Representative Chan of Quincy.

Communications.

The following communications were severally received and placed on file:

Communication from the Honorable Therese Murray, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Senator Jennifer L. Flanagan to the special commission (pursuant to Section 174 of Chapter 139 of the Acts of 2012) established to study the development of a cashless payment system using electronic benefit transfer cards; and

Communication from the Honorable William N. Brownsberger, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at three o'clock P.M.);

Committees Discharged.

Mr. Berry, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on the Judiciary to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to the judiciary (Senate, No. 2440);

And recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ethics and Rules.

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

Matters 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 relative to special police officers in the police department of the city of Fitchburg (House, No. 4104),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, 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) “congratulating Patricia Dunne on her retirement from the Department of Children and Families”;
Resolutions (filed by Ms. Flanagan) “recognizing October 24, 2012, as “Purple Pinkie Day” in the Commonwealth”;
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hart) “congratulating Court Officer Thomas McDonough on his retirement from the Massachusetts Senate”; and
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Richard T. Moore) “congratulating the National Family Partnership on their observance of “Red Ribbon Week”.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4480) of John H. Rogers and Michael F. Rush for legislation to provide remedies to consumers for clearing titles after the payoff of mortgages;

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

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4478) of Stephen Kulik and Stanley C. Rosenberg for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Judy D’Antonio, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance;

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4479) of John J. Mahoney and Harriett L. Chandler for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jennifer O’Connell, an employee of the Department of Correction; and

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4481) of Matthew A. Beaton for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Wayne Murry, an employee of the Department of Transportation;

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

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 relative to the position of appointed treasurer-collector in the Town of Avon (House, No. 4389),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: “An Act providing for the appointment of treasurer-collector in the town of Avon.”**

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first 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 be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Ms. Flanagan) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Relative to the charter of the city of Westfield (see Senate, No. 2288, amended);

Relative to the town of Tisbury water supply system (see House, No. 566);

Establishing the Melpet Farm Stable Operations and Improvement Fund for the town of Dennis (see House, No. 3845); and

Relative to special police officers in the police department of the city of Fitchburg (see House, No. 4104).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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 the same Senator, at nineteen minutes before twelve o’clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M.