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Thursday, January 3, 2012.

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

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

Petition.

Mr. Hedlund presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert L. Hedlund for legislation to create the position of musician laureate,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Report of a Committee

By Mr. Wolf, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on Senate, Nos. 922 and 934, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to labor and workforce (Senate, No. 2100);

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

A joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3855) of Michael A. Costello and Steven A. Baddour (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the polling places in the Plum Island section of the city of Newburyport,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.**

Notice was received from the House announcing the following appointment by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives:

That Representative D'Emilia of Bridgewater had been appointed as his designee to the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee established (under Subsection 68 of Section 16 of Chapter 194 of the Acts of 2011) for the purpose of discussing and making recommendations to the Gaming Commission on matters of gaming policy; and

That Representative O'Connell of Taunton had been appointed as his designee to the special commission established (under Chapter 219 of the Acts of 2011) to study Electronic Benefit Transfers.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were severally considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:- Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) "congratulating James McKeon on his elevation to the level of Eagle Scout"; and Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tarr) "honoring Erin Pratt for her heroic actions at Good Harbor Beach on September 2, 2011."

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 town of Great Barrington to continue the employment of fire chief, Harry Jennings, and deputy fire chief, Edward G. McCormick (House, No. 3450),-- **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 authorizing the town of Great Barrington to continue the employment of fire chief, Harry Jennings and deputy fire chief, Edward G. McCormick".**

Report of Committees.

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 Anthony W. Petruccelli for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Sharyn LeCesse, an employee of the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Timilty, 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.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Rodrigues,--

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

Adjournment in Memory of Fay G. Cohen

The Senator from Middlesex and Norfolk, Ms. Creem, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Fay G. Cohen of Newton.

Fay G. Cohen died Monday, December 26, 2011. A proud graduate of Wellesley College and lifelong Red Sox fan, Fay was a longtime political advocate and an administrative assistant to Senator Lois Pines and Senator Cynthia Stone Creem. She was known as a true Democrat and community activist who urged citizen participation in educational and political organizations. Fay took great pleasure in knowing exactly who and what was happening locally, state wide and nationally. Fay Cohen was a woman who clearly cared about making our community a better place. She will be missed by her family and friends in Newton and beyond.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Fay G. Cohen, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Timilty, the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at twelve o'clock noon.