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Tuesday, January 31, 2012.

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

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

Communications.

The following communications were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Communication from the Honorable Michael O. Moore announcing the appointment of Senator Eileen M. Donoghue as his designee (under the provisions of §190 of Chapter 68 of the Acts of 2011) to the Special Commission to investigate and study the need to incentivize the commonwealth's college scholarship system;

Communication from the Honorable Martin J. Benison, Comptroller, submitting a second quarter BFY2012 report on "Settlements and Judgments" for the six month period ending December 2011 (pursuant to §2 of Chapter 68 of the Acts of 2011) (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Monday, January 30, 2012, at twenty minutes before three o'clock P.M.); and

Communication from the Honorable Martin J. Benison, Comptroller, submitting a report (under the provisions of §6A of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) relative to the cumulative net state tax revenues in excel of permissible limit (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Monday, January 30, 2012, at twenty minutes before three o'clock P.M.).

Petition

By Mr. Hart (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carol Poyer for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Carol Poyer, an employee of the department of youth services;

Referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rule of the two branches.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Richard T. Moore, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, Nos. 503 and 529 and House, No. 348, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts Childhood Vaccine Program (Senate, No. 2120) [Estimated cost – more than \$100,000];

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

By Mr. Richard T. Moore, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on petition, (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 535), a Bill requiring MassHealth to provide an explanation of benefits to beneficiaries (Senate, No. 2119) [Estimated cost – less than \$100,000]; and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 540), a Bill to provide for tobacco cessation benefits (Senate, No. 2121) [Estimated cost – less than \$100,000];

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

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3899) of Ronald Mariano, John F. Keenan and Tackey Chan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to create an additional voting precinct in the city of Quincy,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.**

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 joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3913) of John V. Fernandes, Richard T. Moore and others for legislation to enhance community safety by strengthening the laws regulating undocumented illegal aliens residing or working in the Commonwealth,-- **was considered; and it was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to town meeting warrants in the town of Templeton (House, No. 3460,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read.**

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

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3914) of William M. Straus and others for legislation to validate the proceedings of the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School District relative to the authorization of debt by said district,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Brewer, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to prescription drug diversion, abuse and addiction (Senate, No. 2072) (the committee on Health Care Financing having recommended that the bill be amended by substituting a new draft with the same title, Senate, No. 2115),-- **ought to pass, with an amendment substituting the proposed Health Care Financing new draft (Senate, No. 2115) with a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2122). Under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Ethics and Rules.**

Subsequently, Mr. Berry, for the said committee, reported, recommending that notwithstanding the provisions of Senate Rule 7, the matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for immediate consideration for the next session.

The report was accepted and the bill was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session for a second reading, with the amendments pending.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hedlund,--

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

On motion of the same Senator, at seven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at one o'clock P.M.