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Thursday, February 24, 2011.

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

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

Communications.

The following communications were severally received and placed on file:

A communication from the Honorable Therese Murray, President of the Senate, announcing the appointments of Dr. Sheri Nethersole and Jennifer L. Swinhart to the Special Commission established (pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2010) to make an investigation and study on school nutrition and childhood obesity;

A communication from the Honorable Therese Murray, President of the Senate announcing the appointment of Senator Karen E. Spilka (pursuant to Section 2A of Chapter 71B of the General Laws) to the Bureau of Special Education Appeals Advisory Council; and

A communication from the Honorable Therese Murray, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Senator Karen E. Spilka (pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010) to the Economic Development Planning Council.

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Clark, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Theodore Laridis (Senate, No. 22);

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

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were severally considered forthwith and adopted, as follows: Resolutions (filed by Ms. Murray) "congratulating Massachusetts General Hospital on the occasion of its two hundredth anniversary":

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Murray) "congratulating McLean Hospital on the occasion of its two hundredth anniversary"; and Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) "celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of Congregation Agudas Achim."

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Brewer, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Nena Canada, an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 21),-- ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 23).

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, and the bill was read a second time and

was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The bill (Senate, No. 23) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Messages were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to the appointment of members of the Boston Licensing Board (House, No. 1850);

To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to improving the quality of health care and controlling costs by reforming health systems and payments (House, No. 1849);

To the committee on Health Care Financing.

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.

Adjournment in Memory of James Rush

The Chair (Mr. Petruccelli) announced that today, we adjourn in memory of James Rush, father of Senator Michael Rush, who passed away in the early morning of Wednesday, February 23rd, 2011 in West Roxbury. A former Chief Probation Officer for West Roxbury District Court. Beloved husband of Virginia A. (Meagher). Loving father of Mark and his wife Florinda, James and his wife Lisa, The Honorable Senator Michael F. Rush and his wife Mary, Monica, Peter and Brendan. Grandfather of William, Alex, Kevin, Kyle and Ciara. Son of the late John and Mary Rush of County Mayo, Ireland and Mission Hill. Brother of the late late Mary Cooney, Margaret Cullinane, Lillian Locke, Catherine Campbell, Martin T. and Henry Rush and Irene Driscoll. Also survived by many nieces and nephews."

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of James Rush, at eleven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.