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Thursday, November 8, 2012.

Met at four minutes eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Hart 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 (Mr. Hart), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Petitions.

Mr. DiDomenico presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Thomas M. McGee and Donald H. Wong for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for James A. O'Connor, an employee of the Division of Professional Licensure; **Referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brownsberger) "congratulating the Taxiarchae/Archangels Greek Orthodox Church on its seventy-fifth anniversary."

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 Senate Bill authorizing the rent board of the town of Middleborough to impose fees for the employment of outside consultants (Senate, No. 2433),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**
Sent to the House for concurrence.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Brewer, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Gary Vuolo, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2449),-- **ought to pass.**
There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Timilty, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.
Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

The House Bill designating a certain traffic circle in the town of Freetown as the Navy Petty Officer Second Class Tyler J. Trahan memorial roundabout (House, No. 1784,-- on petition),--**was read.**
There being no objection, the rules were suspended on the motion, of Mr. Rodrigues, and the bill was read a second time.
Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, the same Senator moved that the bill be amended by inserting before

the enacting clause the following emergency preamble: -

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to designate forthwith the roundabout located at the intersection of County, Chace and Mason roads in the town of Freetown as the Navy Petty Officer Second Class Tyler J. Trahan Memorial Roundabout, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: “An Act designating a certain roundabout in the town of Freetown as the Navy Petty Officer Second Class Tyler J. Trahan Memorial Roundabout”.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

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 Benjamin B. Downing and Tricia Farley-Bouvier for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Daniel Hermanski, Sr., an employee of the Department of Transportation.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, 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.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4497) of Tom Sannicandro and Karen E. Spilka for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Wendy Watts, an employee of Executive Office of Health and Human Services,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill designating a certain intersection in the town of Watertown as Menton Corner (see House, No. 4287) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Hart) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Timilty,--

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 Thomas William Neff, Jr.

The Senators from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr and Mr. McGee, and the Senator from Bristol and Norfolk, Mr. Timilty, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Massachusetts State Police Sergeant Thomas William Neff, Jr.

State Police Sergeant Thomas William Neff, Jr., of West Newbury, is being posthumously honored for his 34 years of service to the State Police with a memorial dinner on December 11, 2012.

Born and raised in Lynn, Sergeant Neff graduated from Lynn Classical High School in 1969. He later attended Western New England University in Springfield, where he earned a bachelor's degree in law enforcement and a master's degree in criminal justice administration.

A member of the 60th recruit training class, Sergeant Neff began working for the State Police in 1978 as a crime scene photographer and fingerprint specialist at the Digital Evidence and Multimedia Section in Maynard. After serving at the Leominster and Newbury barracks for several years, Sergeant Neff was assigned to the Danvers barracks from 1989 until 1993, where he enforced speed and traffic laws as a member of the 55 Team patrol unit.

From 1993 until 2003, Sergeant Neff was stationed at the Logan International Airport barracks. He was later assigned to the Essex County State Police detective unit until March of 2010, when he joined the computer forensics unit.

Sergeant Neff is remembered fondly by his colleagues as someone who made a positive impact wherever he went, and for being a natural leader and mentor to many new state troopers. While serving as secretary of the State Police Association in 1992, he was

instrumental in helping to ease the difficult merger of multiple police departments into a single, unified Department of State Police.

Sergeant Neff treasured the time he spent with his family, including his wife of 35 years, Virginia R. Cardarelli; his daughter, Katharine Radolinski of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and his son, Thomas Neff III of Andover. He also taught computer forensics classes online for National University, based in California, and enjoyed reading in his spare time.

In addition to serving as the State Police Association's secretary and treasurer, Sergeant Neff was also the editor and a regular contributor to the Trooper Newspaper. He had just submitted his last article for the newspaper and was only one week away from his planned retirement when he died of a heart attack at the age of 59 at Anna Jaques Hospital in Newburyport on December 19, 2011.

In addition to his wife and children, Sergeant Neff is also survived by two brothers, David of Lynn and Kenneth of Bow, New Hampshire; two sisters, Linda DiRienzo of Standish, Maine and Tracey Morris of Litchfield, New Hampshire; a grandson, Dylan Thomas; and several nieces and nephews.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of State Police Sergeant Thomas William Neff, Jr., at quarter past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Timilty, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.