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JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

Met at two minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Donoghue in the Chair.)

The Chair (Ms. Donoghue), members, guests and staff recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Report.

Report of Department of Early Education (under the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 15D of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for the year 2013 (copy having been forwarded to the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Education) (received February 14, 2014),-- was read and sent to the House for its information.

Petition.

Mr. Downing presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Benjamin B. Downing, Paul W. Mark and Tricia Farley-Bouvier for legislation to establish a sick leave Bank for Maria Elaskar-Stack, an employee of the Department of Children and Families,-and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Brownsberger, for the committee on the Public Service, on petition, a Bill to establish a sick leave bank for Juan Leon, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 1996); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to establish a sick leave bank for John Gallagher, an employee of the Department of Youth Services (Senate, No. 1997);

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

By Mr. Brownsberger, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill to exempt part-time call firefighters in the town of Athol from the civil service law (Senate, No. 1930) [Local approval received]; Read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to natural gas leaks (House, No. 3873,-- on Senate, Nos. 1580, 1594, 1596, 1597 and 1621 and House, Nos. 2917, 2924, 2933, 2950, 2962 and 2990),-- was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

A Bill relative to continuing education requirements for insurance producers (House, No. 880,-- on petition),-- was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Ethics and Rules.

A Bill exempting certain employees from the Northampton retirement system (printed as Senate, No. 1894,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Communication.

The Clerk read the following communication:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS SENATE

February 18, 2014

The Honorable William F. Welch Clerk of the Massachusetts Senate State House, Room 335 Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk,

I regret that I was not present for three roll call votes on Thursday, February 13, 2014. If I were present, I would have voted in the following manner:

On "An act making appropriations for fiscal year 2014 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities", my vote should be recorded as:

- Senate Roll Call #250 on Amendment #18: I would have offered a "No" vote.
- Senate Roll Call #251 on Amendment #26: I would have offered a "Yes" vote.
- Senate Roll Call #252 on Engrossment I would have voted "Yes".

I wish that these vote be recorded and a copy of this letter be entered in the journal of the Senate.

Very truly yours, GALE D. CANDARAS, State Senator 1st Hampden & Hampshire

On motion of Mr. Tarr, the above communication was ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows: The House Bill relative to a conservation restriction in the town of Stow (House, No. 3474),-- **was read a third time.** Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Eldridge presented an amendment adding the following section:-"SECTION 3. As consideration for the change in the conservation restriction authorized in section 1, the town of Stow shall, pursuant to section 3 of chapter 40 of the General Laws, transfer the care, custody and control of a certain .74-acre parcel of land from the board of selectmen to the conservation commission for conservation purposes. The parcel, shown on Stow assessors map U-10 as parcel 40, was acquired by the town for nonpayment of taxes by an instrument of taking which was recorded in the Middlesex south district registry of deeds in book 18165, page 384 and the final judgment thereon recorded in book 24015, page 051."

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment. Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Salem to convert 1 seasonal license to an annual license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3831, changed),-- was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3905) of Michael A. Costello and Kathleen O'Connor Ives for legislation to authorize the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements and lease agreements to certain land and property in the city of Haverhill,-- was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Order Adopted.

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

On motion of Mr. Timilty, at six minutes past elven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.