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Thursday, April 4, 2013.

Met at one minute past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. McGee in the Chair).

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

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Rodrigues, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1764) of Michael J. Rodrigues, David B. Sullivan, Alan Silvia and Paul A. Schmid, III for legislation relative to a water storage facility in the city of Fall River [Local approval received];
Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.
Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jennifer L. Flanagan and Dennis A. Rosa for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jason Saunders, an employee of the Department of Correction; and

By Mr. Petrucci, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Anthony Petrucci for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jonathan Palermo, an employee of the Massachusetts Trial Court;
Severally, 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 Public Service, on petition, a Bill to establish a sick leave bank for Jeffrey Cowell, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 1760);
By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to establish a sick leave bank for Patricia Capozzoli, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 1762); and
By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to establish a sick leave bank for Kevin Russell, an employee of the Department of Revenue (Senate, No. 1763);
Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Committee Discharged.

Mr. McGee, for the committee on Transportation, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1678) of Thomas M. McGee, Lori A. Ehrlich, Sal N. DiDomenico, Robert F. Fennell and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to Gold Star Family vanity registration plates; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1692) of Therese Murray for legislation to designate a Gold Star Highway;
And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.
Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.
Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were severally considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-
Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Brewer and Rosenberg) “congratulating the Athol Orange Baptist Church on the two hundredth anniversary of its founding”;
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hedlund) “commending Michael C. Patroia for his 42 years of dedicated service to the town of Cohasset”;
Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Joyce and Kennedy) “honoring the memory of Edwin A. Keach on the dedication of the Edwin A. Keach Park in the town of Easton”;
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Keenan) “commending Michael Petrosevich for his years of dedicated service to the Fraternal Order of Eagles”; and
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Tony Macedo on receiving the Portuguese American of the Year Award from the Taunton Chapter of the Prince Henry Society.”

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Brewer, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Cheryl A. Cole, an employee of the office of Medicaid (Senate, No. 1757),-- **ought to pass.**
There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, 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.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3384) of Ronald Mariano, Mark J. Cusack and John F. Keenan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Elaine Provencher, an employee of the Department of Public Health;
Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3385) of Michael A. Costello and others for legislation to require certain telecommunications service companies to provide call center service assistance;
Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. McGee), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of former Senator Charles E. Shannon.

Adjourn In Memory of Senator Charlie Shannon

The Senator from Middlesex, Ms. Jehlen, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Senator Charlie Shannon who died eight years ago tomorrow after a long battle with cancer.

Charlie Shannon represented the Second Middlesex District for over fourteen years.

Charlie Shannon first became involved in government when he was appointed to the Winchester Board of Assessors in 1987 and was later elected to the post in 1989. He served as its chairman from 1989-1990.

During this time, he was also a Town Meeting member.

Also, during his 20 years of service with the Lexington Police Department, he had received two commendations for bravery.

During his State House service, Senator Shannon served as the chairman of Ethics and Rules, as well as vice chairman of Bills in Third Reading. He had also served as the vice chairman for Municipalities and Regional Government, as well as State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Senator Shannon's commitment to public safety and young people is memorialized in the Shannon Grants which promote youth development and combat violence.

His commitments to the environment and to recreation are memorialized at the Shannon Beach on the Mystic Lakes.

His service and his friendship live on in the memories of colleagues and the people he served.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Senator Charlie Shannon, at six minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.