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Monday, September 15, 2014.

Met at one minute past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Donnelly 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. Donnelly), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Communication.

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader, announcing the appointment (pursuant to Section 124 of Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2014) of Edward Moscovitch of Gloucester to the Foundation Budget Review Commission, -- was placed on file.

Petition.

Mr. Michael O. Moore presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael O. Moore for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Emily Coollick-Burgess, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission,-- and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4458) of Christopher M. Markey (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Dartmouth...-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Richard T. Moore) "honoring Mr. Robin Fletcher for being selected as the 2014 Mendon Senior Citizen of the Year by the Town of Mendon Council on Aging";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) "congratulating David Gay on receiving the Good Scout Award"; and
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) "congratulating Jake Smith on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout."

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 the collector of taxes in the town of Blandford (House, No. 4170),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

The House Bill authorizing the town of Southborough to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4311),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

The House Bill authorizing the town of Southborough to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4312),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Brewer, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tracy Longvall-Rivera, an employee of the Department of Youth Services (House, No. 3904),-- **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, in concurrence.

By Mr. Richard T. Moore, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Mark C. Montigny and Robert M. Koczera for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Therese Cormier, an employee of the Trial Court.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preambles Adopted

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kathleen Restuccia, an employee of the Trial Court (see House, No. 4381, amended), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- **was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 3 to 0. The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Donnelly) and sent to the House for enactment.**

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michael J. Macuch, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 4407, amended), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- **was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 3 to 0.**

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Donnelly) and sent to the House for enactment.

Engrossed Bills.

An engrossed Bill validating the actions taken at the annual town election held by the town of Southamptton (see House Bill, printed in House, No. 4161) (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, two-thirds of the members present having voted in the affirmative, and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Donnelly) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Donnelly) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Designating a certain boat launch area in the town of Hardwick as the Stephen M. Brewer Fishing Area (see House, No. 4032); and

Authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of police officer David Johnson (see House, No. 4195).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Timilty,--

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.

Adjourn In Memory of Charles "Charlie" J. Ahern

The Senator from Middlesex, Mr. Donnelly, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Charles "Charlie" J. Ahern of Arlington.

Charlie Ahern was born on January 19, 1921. He graduated Boston College in 1942. He was a World War II US Marine veteran serving as a captain in the 4th Division, F Company, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Regiment. He earned a Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry on Iwo Jima as well as receiving two purple hearts for wounds sustained on both Tinian and Iwo Jima.

Charlie was also a longtime member of the US Customs Service and a member of the Lexington Golf Club.

Charlie was the beloved husband of the late Helen C. (Hallisey) Ahern, and brother of the late Thomas and Robert Ahern and Ruth Shannon. He is survived by his sons Charles and his wife Sandra of Marietta, Georgia, Robert and his wife Kathleen of Arlington, and Marty and his wife Lisa of Seattle, Washington. In addition, he is survived by four grandchildren: Jennifer, Carol Ann, Jane and Peter Charles.

Charlie attended the Iwo Jima Day ceremonies each year here at the State House. It was my honor to escort him to the ceremony every year and have the opportunity to thank him for his service to our country. Iwo Jima Day will not be the same without Charlie here with us.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Charles "Charlie" J. Ahern at twenty-one minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Timilty, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.