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Monday, December 9, 2013.

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

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

Communications.

The following communications were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Communication from the Honorable Therese Murray, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Senator Jennifer L. Flanagan (pursuant to Section 195(a) of Chapter 38 of the Acts of 2013) to the Tourism Formula Commission; and Communication from the Honorable Robert L. Hedlund in compliance with General Laws Chapter 268A (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Monday, Monday, December 9, 2013, at five minutes past twelve o'clock noon).

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3807) of Brian S. Dempsey and Kathleen O'Connor Ives (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Haverhill be authorized to appoint Scott Marchand as a fire fighter, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

A Bill granting creditable service to employees of the Dedham Westwood water district (House, No. 2387,-- on petition),-- **was read, and under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Ethics and Rules.**

Bills

Relative to property tax exemptions by certain veteran organizations in the city of Gardner (House, No. 3445,-- on petition)

[Local approval received]; and

Authorizing the town of Ashland to establish an athletic field enterprise fund (House, No. 3627,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Brewer, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Chrystal Bonner, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (House, No. 3750),-- **ought to pass.**

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Hedlund, 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. Rosenberg, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of John F. Keenan, Jennifer L. Flanagan, Elizabeth A. Malia, Bruce E. Tarr and other members of the General Court for legislation to reduce prescription drug tampering and abuse.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Hedlund, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

By Mr. Rosenberg, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Bruce E. Tarr and James R. Miceli for legislation relative to the Middlesex Canal Commission.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Hedlund, 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. Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Petition.

On motion of Mr. Hedlund, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended on the petition, presented by Mr. Ross (accompanied by bill) of Richard J. Ross for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Denise McKinnon, an employee of the Massachusetts Hospital School,— **and the same 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. 3808) of Garrett J. Bradley and Robert L. Hedlund for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Beth-Ann Litchfield, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services,— **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Petersham to borrow outside the debt limit for a certain town project (Senate, No. 1844),— came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with an amendment in section 1, in line 2, by inserting after the word “borrow”, the words “, from time to time,”; and in line 4 by striking out the words “the Nichewaug Inn” and inserting in place thereof the words “said structure, including site remediation costs.”. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Hedlund, and the House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hedlund,—

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 the same Senator, at ten minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M.