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Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

Met at three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Donnelly in the Chair).

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

Reports.

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

Report of the Division of Insurance (pursuant to Chapter 271 of the Acts of 2008, as amended by section 5 of Chapter 237 of the Acts of 2010) submitting its report on group marketing (received February 13, 2015); and
Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to section 2G of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting its 2014 report on the activities of the Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund (received February 13, 2015).

Petition.

The following petition, having been timely filed by five o'clock P.M., on Friday, January 16, 2015, was considered, as follows:

By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 12) of Anne M. Gobi, Jonathan D. Zlotnik, Michael O. Moore, James Arciero and others for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Matthew Arpano, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Correction;

Under Senate Rule 20, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Pacheco, for the committee on Global Warming and Climate Change, submitting a report entitled: NO TIME TO WASTE: Our climate clock is ticking and our natural resources, public health and the future of our economy are at stake (Senate, No. 13),-- was referred, under Senate Rule 27, to the committee on Ways and Means.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

The annual report of the Public Employee Retirement Commission (under sections 21, 102 and 103 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) relative to the percentum change in the average cost-of-living as shown by the United States consumer price index for the year 2014 compared with such index for the year 2013 (accompanied by bill, House, No. 54),— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Gobi) “congratulating the town of Ashburnham on the occasion of its two hundred fiftieth anniversary of incorporation.”

Communication.

The Clerk read the following communication:

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE

February 19, 2015

William F. Welch, Clerk
Massachusetts State Senate
State House, Room 334
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Due to a prior commitment, I was absent from the Chamber on Thursday, February 12, 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner on these Roll Calls on Senate Order No. 7, Relative to the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives for the years 2015 and 2016:

- 10: Yes, on Amendment 1, Balancing Responsibilities Between House and Senate Committee Members
- 11: No, on Amendment 9, timely local aid notification
- 12: No, on Amendment 13, committee cost-effectiveness oversight II
- 13: Yes, on Adoption of S. 7, Joint Rules

I respectfully request that a copy of this letter be printed in the Senate Journal as part of the official records for February 12, 2015. Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
CYNTHIA S. CREEM
State Senator

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

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 53) of Brian M. Ashe for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Robin Allen, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the temporary House committee on Rules.**

Swearing in of Senate Counsel.

The President in the Chair, the President announced that he has appointed Jennifer Grace Miller of Ipswich as Senate Counsel. Ms. Miller took and subscribed the oaths of office required by the Constitution and a law of the United States to qualify her for the discharge of her duties as Senate Counsel.

Order Adopted.

Mr. Donnelly in the Chair, on motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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 thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.