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Thursday, February 19, 2015.

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

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

Report.

Report of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5, 20 and 21 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspections of:

Western Mass Correctional Alcohol Center, Springfield;

Norfolk County House of Correction, Dedham; and

Dedham Alternative Center. (Received February 17, 2015),-- **was placed on file.**

Petition.

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

By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 14) of Ryan C. Fattman and Kevin J. Kuros for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Audrey Graham Smith, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services ; **Under Senate Rule 20, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Montigny, for the committee on Rules, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Senate Bill to establish a sick leave bank for James Goguen, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (Senate, No. 10),-- **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Ways and Means; Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.**

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to authorizing the town of Scituate to establish the date of its annual town election (House, No. 55),-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.**

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Forry) "honoring Coach Charlie Titus on forty years of athletic legacy";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) "congratulating Brian Berry on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) "congratulating Mark Elias Czeisler on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) “congratulating Grant Wilson Gregory on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”; Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) “congratulating Luke Milbocker on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”; and Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Timilty and Ross) “congratulating Jim Hand of the Sun Chronicle on being named one of the best state political reporters in the United States.”

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

The House Order relative to Joint Rules governing the 2015-2016 Legislative Session (House, No. 2017, amended),— **came from the House with the endorsement that the House had NON-concurred in the Senate amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate, No. 11, and had asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Representatives Mariano of Quincy, Bradley of Hingham and Frost of Auburn had been appointed the committee on the part of the House. On motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate insisted on its amendment and concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference; and Senators Montigny, Petrucci and Tarr were appointed on the part of the Senate. The bill was returned to the House endorsed accordingly.**

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., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Adjourn In Memory of Edward W. Brooke III

Senators Tarr, Hedlund, Ross, Humason, Demacedo and Fattman moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of former Massachusetts Attorney General and United States Senator Edward W. Brooke III.

Born on October 26, 1919 in Washington, D.C., Senator Brooke, a Massachusetts Republican, was the first African-American to be popularly elected to the United States Senate since Reconstruction. He passed away on January 3, 2015 at his home in Coral Gables, Florida.

Senator Brooke graduated from Howard University in 1941 and enrolled in the United States Army. During his service in the war he earned the rank of Captain, saw combat in Italy, and was awarded a Bronze Star.

In 1948, he graduated from Boston University School of Law where he was the editor of the law review. He built his law practice over the next ten years. After a narrow loss in 1960 as the Republican nominee for Massachusetts Secretary of State to future mayor of Boston Kevin White, Governor Volpe appointed him as the chairman of the Boston Finance Commission. In 1962 he was elected as the first African-American state attorney general. As Attorney General, he successfully fought public corruption. He won reelection in 1964 and gained national attention for his coordination of the hunt for the Boston Strangler.

In 1966, Senator Brooke succeeded Leverett Saltonstall and was elected to the United States Senate, defeating former Governor Endicott Peabody. One of his most notable achievements came in the field of housing, where as a part of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, he and Senator Walter Mondale succeeded in having an open-housing amendment included in the landmark legislation. In 1969, he authored what came to be known as the Brooke Amendment which capped public housing rent at 25 percent of a resident's income. After leaving the Senate in 1979, he served on several corporate boards and public commissions.

Senator Brooke is survived by his wife of 35 years, Anne Fleming Brooke; his son Edward W. Brooke IV; his daughters, Remi Goldstone and Edwina Petit; grandchildren, a niece and many cousins. Senator Brooke was predeceased by his sister, Helene Brooke Amos.

His service to the Commonwealth, to the country, and to justice will not be forgotten. In 1967, the NAACP awarded Senator Brooke its highest honor, the Spingarn Medal. In 2004, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor; additionally in 2006 he received the Congressional Gold Medal.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Edward W. Brooke III, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.