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Monday, March 2, 2015.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Pacheco 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. Pacheco), 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 Stanley C. Rosenberg, President of the Senate, announcing appointments to the Special Senate Committee on Opioid Addiction Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Options as follows:

Senator Jennifer L. Flanagan, Chair
Senator John F. Keenan, Vice Chair
Senator Anne M. Gobi
Senator Thomas P. Kennedy
Senator Eric P. Lesser
Senator Joan B. Lovely
Senator Michael O. Moore
Senator Kathleen O'Connor Ives

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader, announcing appointments to the Special Senate Committee on Opioid Addiction Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Options as follows:

Senator Richard J. Ross
Senator Viriato M. deMacedo; and

Communication from the Hampshire Sheriff's Office relative to a plan of correction for the Hampshire County Jail & House of Correction (received January 25, 2015);

Reports.

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

Report of the Office of the District Attorney for the Plymouth District (pursuant to Section 99(R) of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its Annual Report of Interceptions for the calendar year of 2014. (Received February 26, 2015)

Report of Bristol Community College (under the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2015) submitting its report on required reductions by appropriations (received February 27, 2015)

Report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (pursuant to Section 8(a) of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2015 submitting its report

on required reductions by appropriations (received February 27, 2015); and Report of the Office of the State Treasury (under the provisions of Section 8 of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2015) submitting its report on required reductions by appropriations (received February 27, 2015).

Recess.

There being no objection, at one minute past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Pacheco) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at twenty-five minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate reassembled, Mr. Pacheco in the Chair.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Lisa Carlson, an employee of the Department of the State Police (see House, No. 46, 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 2 to 0. The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Pacheco) and sent to the House for enactment.**

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Spilka, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for David Ogar, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 50),-- ought to pass, with an amendment striking out, in line 1, the words "SECTION 1."; and by striking out, in line 4, the words "Ogar. Whenever" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "Ogar to care for his wife. If".

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was a read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Orders Adopted.

Ms. Flanagan offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That a special committee of the Senate be established to make an investigation and study of opioid addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery options. The special committee shall review existing state statutes and funding, as well as the implementation and enforcement of recently enacted substance abuse legislation, and make recommendations to further strengthen opioid abuse prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery options and access to such programs for all residents of the Commonwealth. The committee shall consist of 10 members of the Senate, 8 of whom shall be appointed by the Senate President and 2 of whom shall be appointed by the Senate minority leader. The committee shall file its report with recommendations in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate.

Under the rules, referred to the committee on Rules.

Subsequently, Mr. Montigny, for the said committee, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Order Adopted.

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.

Adjournment in Memory of Manuel P. "Manny" Rocha, Sr.

The Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, requested that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Manuel P. "Manny" Rocha, Sr. of Gloucester. Manuel P. "Manny" Rocha, Sr. of Gloucester passed away Monday, February 2. Born in Pawtucket he was the son of the late Joseph and Rufina (Silva) Rocha. He graduated from Gloucester High School.

Mr. Rocha after high school chose to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Navy, where he served for twenty years. Manny was very active in his community, as a member of numerous clubs and organizations. One of his lasting legacies was being an organizer for the Friday Night Special Needs Dances at the Gloucester Fraternity Club, a tradition that has lasted for over thirty years.

Mr. Rocha is survived by his wife of fifty-nine years. He is also survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Ronda and Rusty Tucker, and Diane Legendre; his son, Manuel P. Rocha, Jr.; three grandchildren, Ronell, wife of Brian Crocker, Rusty, husband of Beth Tucker and Olivia Legendre; four great-grandchildren, Noah and Jacob Crocker and Samantha and Vanessa Tucker; three sisters, Irene Lowe, Mary Mitchell, Mildred, wife of James Ball; two sisters-in-law, Mae Rocha and Francine, wife of Phil Dench; and many nieces and nephews. He was also predeceased by his sisters, Sylvia Mitchell and Grace King; and two brothers, Alex and Joseph Rocha; and several nieces and nephews.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Manuel P. "Manny" Rocha, Sr., at seventeen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.