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Thursday, April 9, 2015.

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

Communication.

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

Communication from the Honorable Eileen M. Donoghue, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Thursday, April 9, 2015, at fourteen minutes past twelve o'clock noon); and Communication from the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office submitting its Plan of Correction for all noted deficiencies at the Middlesex House of Correction (received April 8, 2015).

Report.

Report of the Commission on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (under the provisions of Section 69(h) of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its fourth annual report (received April 8, 2015),-- **was placed on file.**

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Timilty, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill relative to the town of Barre (Senate, No. 38) [Local approval received];

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

Order Adopted.

Ms. Spilka offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the House Bill providing for an employee retirement incentive program (House, No. 3189, amended), as will be reported by the Committee on Ways and Means on Friday, April 10, (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 44) shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 13, 2015 for consideration by the Senate on Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

All such amendments shall be second-reading amendments to the recommended Senate Ways and Means new text (Senate, No. 44) but further amendments in the third degree to such amendments shall be in order. The Clerk shall further specify the procedure and format for filing all amendments, consistent with this order.

After the bill as amended is ordered to a third reading, it shall immediately be read a third time and the question shall then immediately be on passing it to be engrossed, and no amendments shall be in order at the third reading of the bill unless recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

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. Hedlund, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted. The bill will be placed in the Orders of the Day for Wednesday, April 15, for a second reading, with the amendment pending.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3339) of Kimberly N. Ferguson and Harriette L. Chandler for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kim Quitadamo, an employee of the Worcester County Superior Court,-- **was referred in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.**

Emergency Preamble Adopted; Engrossed Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Simon Valedi, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see House, No. 64), 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. DiDomenico) and sent to the House for enactment.

Subsequently, the bill, which originated in the House, came from the House with the endorsement that it had been enacted in that branch.

The Senate then passed the bill to be enacted; and it was signed by the Acting President (Mr. DiDomenico) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hedlund,--

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.

Adjournment in Memory of Ronald Knudsen.

The Senator from Middlesex and Norfolk, Ms. Creem, requested that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Ronald Knudsen of Newton.

Ronald Knudsen died March 29, 2015.

A highly respected violinist, conductor and educator, Mr. Knudsen believed in bringing his passion for classical music to as many individuals and communities as possible.

Mr. Knudsen moved from the Midwest to Boston in 1965 to join the Boston Symphony's violin section, from which he retired in 2013. He was a violin soloist with many of Greater Boston's musical organizations, including the Boston Pops, Brockton Symphony, Newton Symphony and Worcester orchestras, and with both the Baltimore and Detroit symphony orchestras. Mr. Knudsen also organized numerous music groups, playing with and conducting a variety of chamber and Pops, including the Boston Pops, and orchestras throughout New England. He was also music director of the Brockton and Newton symphonies prior to becoming music director of Newton's Philharmonia Orchestra.

He received numerous civic awards including the Newton Pride Award for Excellence in the Arts and the Newton-Needham Chamber of Commerce Appreciation Award and acclaim from the press, orchestra and audiences for his programming, conducting skill and ability to bring professional standards to non-professional orchestras.

Ronald Knudsen will be deeply missed by his wife of 40 years, Adrienne Hartzell Knudsen, his two children from his previous marriage to Kay Knudsen, his four grandchildren, countless music aficionados, and the Newton community.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Ronald Knudsen, at nineteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hedlund, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.