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Thursday, May 7, 2015.

Met at two minutes 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.

Distinguished Guest.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Petrucci) handed the gavel to Mr. Donnelly for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Donnelly then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Past President of A.S.S.E Greater Boston Chapter and Corporate Safety Director for Walsh Brothers, Inc., Thomas A. Rich. Mr. Rich was visiting the State House to recognize this week as North American Safety and Occupational Health (NAOSH) Week and May 6th as Occupational Safety and Health Professionals Day. The goal of NAOSH Week is to focus employers, employees, partners and the public on the importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace, at home and in the community. The Senate welcomed him with applause, he was presented with a Joint Resolutions and he withdrew from the Chamber.

Reports.

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

Report of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (pursuant to Chapter 151 of the Acts of 2007) submitting its annual report of divestment from Sudan restricted securities (received May 6, 2015);
Report of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (pursuant to Chapter 151 of the Acts of 2007) submitting its annual report of divestment from Iran restricted securities (received May 6, 2015); and
Report of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of tobacco investments held by the fund and their book value as of the preceding December first (received May 6, 2015).

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1921) of Marc R. Pacheco and Susan Williams Gifford (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to group health insurance for eligible retirees in the town of Carver [Local approval received];
Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Public Service.
Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael F. Rush for legislation to limit indemnity and insurance responsibility for general contractors and subcontractors;
Under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Revenue, on petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Randolph to designate a check-off on its tax bills (Senate, No. 23) [Local approval received];

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3354) of James J. Dwyer (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to exempt the position of auditor in the city of Woburn from civil services laws,-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Susan Comeau, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (House, No. 3346,-- on petition); and

Making appropriations for the fiscal year 2016 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 3401,-- on House, No. 1, in part)

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Notice was received from the Speaker of the House of Representatives announcing the following appointment:

That Representative Sannicandro of Ashland has been appointed to the Special Commission established (under Section 42 of Chapter 258 of the Acts of 2014) for the purposes of investigating and studying the development of criteria for mandated treatment or monitoring of nonviolent offenders with substance addictions and to expand effective, evidence based addiction treatment programs for nonviolent substance addicted offenders.

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection the following matter was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The House Bill relative to certain elections in the city of Newton (House, No. 3324, amended),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Order Adopted.

Ms. Spilka offered the following order:

Ordered, That, pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 27A, all amendments to the general appropriations bill as reported by the Committee on Ways and Means shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 14, 2015; and be it further ordered that, pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 38B, the general appropriations bill as reported by the Committee on Ways and Means shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for Tuesday, May 19, 2015, for its second reading, as the only item on the calendar.

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. Donnelly, and, the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3358) of Kenneth I. Gordon and Kenneth J. Donnelly for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Thomas J. Doucette, an employee of the Department of Correction,-- was referred in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Donnelly,--

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.

On motion of Mr. Hedlund, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.