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Monday, May 11, 2015.

Met at four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Petrucci 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. Petrucci), 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 the appointment of Senator Thomas P. Kennedy as a the Senate delegate (pursuant to Chapter 589 of the Acts of 1954) to the New England Board of Higher Education; and

Communication from the Department of Correction submitting the Annual DPH Audit of the North Central Correctional Institute Response (received May 8, 2015).

Reports.

The following reports were severally received, as follows, to wit:

Report of the Net Metering Task Force (under the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 251 of the Acts of 2014) submitting its review on the long-term viability of net metering and recommendations on incentives and programs to support the deployment of 1600 MW of solar generation facilities in the commonwealth (Senate, No. 1992),-- **was referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Report of the Department of Transitional Assistance (pursuant to Section 51(d) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting its report relative to using or accepting cash assistance held on electronic benefits transfer cards (received May 8, 2015),-- **was placed on file.**

Committee Discharged.

Ms. Chang-Diaz, for the committee on Education, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 343) of Bruce E. Tarr, Todd M. Smola, Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr., Paul R. Heroux and others for legislation relative to the modernization of boat registration and marine vessels,-- **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Revenue;**

Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the discharge of the joint committee.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3355) of Thomas M. Stanley and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) that the town of Lincoln be authorized to grant a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises;
To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3356) of Bradford R. Hill (by vote of the town) that the town of Wenham be authorized to pay a certain unpaid bill;
To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3357) of Timothy R. Whelan and Daniel A. Wolf (by vote of the town) that the town of Dennis be authorized to impose a local sales tax on the sale of medical marijuana;
To the committee on Revenue.

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

That Mr. Larry Wong of Stoneham (to serve until December 31, 2015), Ms. Lianna Kushi of Lowell (to serve until December 31, 2016), and Ms. Sophy Theam of Lowell (to serve until December 31, 2017) (under the provisions of Section 68 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) as members of the permanent commission on the status of citizens of Asian descent.

Resolutions

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Chang-Diaz and Mr. Rosenberg) “recognizing the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network for organizing a National Day of Silence to raise awareness about anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender harassment faced by school students”;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Lesser, Rosenberg, Barrett and Fattman, Ms. Flanagan, Ms. Gobi and Messrs. Humason, Joyce, Rodrigues, Timilty and Welch) “commending the College of Pharmacy at Western New England University on the graduation of its Inaugural Class”; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tarr) “celebrating the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Choate Bridge in the town of Ipswich and its recognition by the American Society of Civil Engineers.”

Communication.

The Clerk read the following communication:

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 11, 2015

William F. Welch
Clerk of the Senate
24 Beacon Street
Room 335, State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk

I am writing to inform you I have accepted the temporary and voluntary resignation of the Senator from Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth, Mr. Joyce, as Assistant Majority Leader and chair of the Senate Committee on Bills in Third Reading.

Sincerely,
STANLEY C. ROSENBERG
Senate President

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

Recess.

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

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill relative to certain elections in the city of Newton (see House, No. 3324, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Petruccelli) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Pacheco,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow 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 before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.