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Monday, May 23, 2016.

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

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

Report.

Report of the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 12(c) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 (received May 20, 2016),-- **was placed on file.**

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Timilty, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Gwen Johnson, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (Senate, No. 2297);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Linda Orstrom, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (Senate, No. 2298); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jeffrey Cowell, an employee of the Department of Corrections (Senate, No. 2299);

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

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Montigny, for the committee on Rules, to whom was referred the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on the Judiciary to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to judicial matters (Senate, No. 2204), reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 754) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation to clarify homestead estates and real estate titles,-- **and recommending that the same be referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

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

Mr. Montigny, for the committee on Rules, to whom was referred the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on the Judiciary to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to judicial matters (Senate, No. 2204), reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 729) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation relative to parole eligibility;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 856) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation relative to prejudgment interest rates; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 905) of Karen E. Spilka, Ruth B. Balser, Michael J. Barrett, Cynthia S. Creem and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote transparency, best practices, and better outcomes for children and communities;

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the Senate committee on Ways and Means.

Under Senate Rule 36, the reports were severally considered forthwith and accepted.

Mr. Montigny, for the committee on Rules, to whom was referred the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to public health issues (Senate, No. 2199), reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1139) of Kenneth J. Donnelly, Jay R. Kaufman, Kathleen O'Connor Ives, Stephen Kulik and other members of the General Court for legislations relative to the disclosure of toxic chemicals in children's products;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1151) of Jennifer L. Flanagan, Thomas J. Calter, Viriato M. deMacedo, Sal N. DiDomenico and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the modernization of optometric patient care; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1220) of Karen E. Spilka for legislation to reduce the risks associated with allergic reactions;

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the Senate committee on Ways and Means.

Under Senate Rule 36, the reports were severally considered forthwith and accepted.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4315) of Timothy R. Madden and Daniel A. Wolf (by vote of the town) that the town of Nantucket be authorized to change certain housing provisions of the Nantucket Land Bank Act;

To the committee on Housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4316) of Garrett J. Bradley (by vote of the town) that the board of selectmen of the town of Hingham be authorized appoint a town administrator;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4317) of Timothy R. Madden and Daniel A. Wolf (by vote of the town) that the town of Nantucket be authorized to impose a real estate transfer fee; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4318) of Timothy R. Madden and Daniel A. Wolf (by vote of the town) of Timothy R. Madden and Daniel A. Wolf (by vote of the town) relative to the publication of notices of issuance of warrants in the town of Nantucket;

Severally, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4319) of Timothy R. Madden and Daniel A. Wolf (by vote of the town) that the town of Nantucket be authorized to appoint retired police officers of said town to serve as special police officers;

To the committee on Public Service.

Bills

Authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain property in the town of Framingham (House, No. 3939, changed and amended,-- on petition); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Nicole Dowling, an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 4286, amended,-- on petition);

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

A Bill to modernize election record keeping (House, No. 3232,-- on House, No. 587),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) "congratulating Kevin William McAvoy of the town of North Attleborough on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) "congratulating Matthew William Shaw of the town of North Attleborough on elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout"; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) "congratulating Roderick Edward Landreth of the town of Hopkinton on his elevation of the rank of Eagle Scout."

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Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4327) of David F. DeCoste relative to voter acceptance of community preservation; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4328) of Peter V. Kocot that the Hampshire Council of Governments be authorized to secure certain obligations;

Severally, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4329) of Joseph F. Wagner, Eric P. Lesser and Thomas M. Petrolati (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to grant certain easements in the city of Chicopee;

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

At five minutes past ten o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. O'Connor, pursuant to an order previously adopted, and, under the provisions of Senate Rule 38B, the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at ten o'clock A.M., in a full formal session with the only item on the Calendar being the general appropriation bill.