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Thursday, May 28, 2015.

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

The Fourth Grade Class from the Sheehan Elementary School in Westwood then led the Chair (Mr. Donnelly), members, guests and staff in the recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Donnelly) handed the gavel to Mr. Rush for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Rush then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the fourth grade class from the Sheehan Elementary School in Westwood. The students were on a field trip to the State House learning about the different aspects of state government. The Senate welcomed them with applause, they led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance, and they withdrew from the Chamber.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Donnelly) handed the gavel to Mr. Fattman for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Fattman then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Mark and Deena Zaibel from Dudley. They were accompanied by their two children Hadley and Caissie. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Donnelly) introduced, in the Senate Gallery, a group of students from Triton Regional High School. Among the group were Julia Christ, Sofia Desimone, Justine Flodman, Kiersten Flodman, Kyle Gagne, Ashleigh Litcofsky, Amanda Sheehan, Sarah Stackpole, Mackenzie Tatro, Riane Vatcher and Kayla Bastolla. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the gallery. They were guests of Senator Tarr.

Communication.

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 2E of Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2014) submitting the Fiscal Year 2015 revised transfer schedules for the following accounts: 1595-1067 DSTITF and 1595-6368 MTTF (received May 26, 2015),-- **was placed on file.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

A Message from His Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Article LXXXIV of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to validating the actions taken at an annual town meeting and election held in the town of Essex (House, No. 3559),-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.**

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3556) of Ronald Mariano and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the board of governors of Quincy College to issue baccalaureate degrees;
To the committee on Higher Education.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3555) of Aaron Vega, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and Carlos Gonzalez relative to the dissolution of the Geriatric Authority of Holyoke [Local approval received];
Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3557) of Aaron Vega (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Holyoke be authorized to establish a four year terms for the office of city councilor of said city; and
Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3558) of Aaron Vega (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Holyoke be authorized to establish a four year term for the office of mayor of said city;
Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Report of the committee on Revenue asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2579) of Peter V. Kocot and others relative to a review of existing staffing levels of environmental police officers in the Commonwealth,-- **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture,-- was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

Resolutions

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Chandler and Mr. Moore) "congratulating St. Mary's Assumption Albanian Orthodox Church on its celebration of its one hundredth anniversary and Albanian Festival XVI";
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Eldridge) "congratulating Michelle Ciccolo on her retirement from the town of Hudson";
Resolutions (filed by Ms. Gobi) "commemorating the Benefactors of the Town of Ashburnham on their commitment to the town and its future";
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hedlund) "congratulating Matthew Dwyer of the town of Hingham on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hedlund) "congratulating Scott Paul Sullivan of the town of Hingham on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hedlund) "congratulating Catherine Neville of the town of Hull on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America";
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Joyce and Mr. Kennedy) "recognizing Colleen Arnott Less for her service to the town of Easton School Committee";
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross and Ms. Spilka) "congratulating Jenn Conyers of the town of Franklin on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America"; and
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tarr) "congratulating Superintendent Charles H. Lyons on his retirement from the Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District."

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Deborah Hawkins, an employee of the Department of the State Auditor (House, No. 3204, amended),--came from the House with the endorsement that the House had concurred in the Senate amendment striking out, in lines 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8, the word "office" and inserting in place thereof the following word:- "department"; by striking out, in line 6, the words "extended illness" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "department of the state auditor's catastrophic illness or injury"; by striking out the emergency preamble and inserting in place thereof the following emergency preamble:-

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the department of the state auditor, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."; and

By striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title:- "An Act establishing a sick leave bank for Deborah Hawkins, an employee of the Department of the State Auditor." with a further amendment striking out the following: striking out, in line 6, the words 'extended illness' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 'department of the state auditor's catastrophic illness or injury';"

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Rush, and the Senate concurred in the further House amendment.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Montigny, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Marc R. Pacheco and Angelo L. D'Emilia for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Robert McMahan, an employee of the Department of Public Health.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service.

By Mr. Montigny, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Anthony W. Petruccelli and RoseLee Vincent for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Teresa Amato, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3560) of Danielle W. Gregoire and Carmine L. Gentile for legislation to authorize the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the city of Marlborough,-- **was referred in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.**

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

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 the same Senator, at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.