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Thursday, September 15, 2016.

Met at ten minutes past eleven o'clock A.M.

The Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, then led the President, members, guests and staff in the recitation the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the President handed the gavel to Mr. Tarr for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Tarr then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Wisconsin State Senator Leah Vukmir. Senator Vukmir is the Assistant Majority Leader and represents Senate District 5. The Senate welcomed her with applause and she withdrew from the Chamber.

There being no objection, the President handed the gavel to Mr. Tarr for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Tarr then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, a group of students from St. Kevin's College in Melbourne, Australia. The group was on a tour of the State House learning about the different aspects of state government. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber. The students were accompanied by Andrew Butcher, Vince Toohey and Bob Windle. They were the guests of Senator Tarr and Representative Hill of Ipswich.

Communications.

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

Communication from the Honorable Benjamin B. Downing, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at seventeen minutes before two o'clock P.M.); and

Communication from the Department of Developmental Services (pursuant to Section 16F of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Family Support Plan (received September 14, 2016).

Report.

Report of the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds (under the provisions of Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure from the County Registers Technological Fund (copies having been forwarded as required to the Senate Committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight) (received September 12, 2016),-- **was placed on file.**

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Montigny, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matters be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The Senate bills

Relative to the practice of athletic training (Senate, No. 1216); and
Modernizing procedures for boards and commission (Senate, No. 1621)

Committees Discharged.

Mr. Montigny, for the committee on Rules, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration
Of the Senate Bill providing taxpayers a hearing at the Appellate Tax Board (Senate, No. 1542); and
Of the House Bill relative to retirement benefits for the Chelmsford Water District employees (House, No. 4290);
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 committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported, asking to be discharged from
further consideration of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Revenue to make an investigation and
study of a certain current Senate document relative to veteran property tax (Senate, No. 2487),-- **and recommending that the**
same be referred to the committee on Rules;
Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brady) "congratulating Barbara Meiggs on her one hundred first birthday";
Resolutions (filed by Mr. deMacedo) "commending the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association on its celebration of the two
hundredth anniversary of the commercial cranberry industry in the Commonwealth";
Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Eldridge and Barrett) "commending the Massachusetts Intergenerational Coalition on its
celebration of Intergenerational Awareness Month";
Resolutions (filed by Ms. Jehlen) "commending the Massachusetts Falls Prevention Coalition on its celebration of Falls
Prevention Awareness Day"; and
Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely, Mr. Rosenberg, Ms. Gobi, Messrs. Brady, deMacedo and Joyce, Ms. Jehlen, Messrs. Moore,
Lewis, Eldridge, McGee and Keenan, Ms. Chandler, Mr. Ross, Ms. Flanagan, Mr. Tarr, Ms. L'Italien, Messrs. Lesser and Welch,
Ms. Creem and Messrs. Donnelly and Montigny) "congratulating Abbey D'Agostino for her outstanding display of sportsmanship
and humanity at Rio 2016, the Games of the XXXI Olympiad."

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 establishing a 4-year term for the office of mayor in the city known as the town of West Springfield (House, No.
4433),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jose Valencia, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see House,
No. 4579), 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 President and sent to the House for enactment.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Warren to continue the employment of Dennis Desrosiers (Senate, No. 2319),-- **was read**
a third time and passed to be engrossed.
Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill relative to the town of Mattapoisett general by-laws (House, No. 3924),-- **was read a third time and passed to**
be engrossed, in concurrence.

The House Bill exempting certain positions in the city of Marlborough from the civil service law (House, No. 4337),-- **was read**
a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Senate Bill to create a department of municipal finance in the town of Carver under the direction of a finance director (Senate, No. 2460),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The House Bill relative to the procedure for municipal acceptance of subdivision roads in the town of Natick (House, No. 4446, changed),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Report of a Committee.

Mr. Montigny, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The Senate Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Fall River as the Tom Tetrault Bridge (Senate, No. 2480).
There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.
Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill providing that future members of the police force of the town of Sharon shall be exempt from the provisions of the civil service law (House, No. 4338,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.
There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

A Bill authorizing the town of Foxborough to grant 4 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises within a site containing a development to be known as Route One (House, No. 4609,-- on House, No. 4429) [Local approval received on House, No. 4429],-- was read.
There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to enacted and were signed by the President and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Establishing a parks and recreation committee in the town of Becket (see Senate, No. 2224);
Establishing a 4-year term for the office of mayor in the city known as the town of West Springfield (see House, No. 4433); and
Establishing a sick leave bank for Jose Valencia, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see House, No. 4579).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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 sixteen minutes before twelve o'clock, noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.