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Monday, December 21, 2015.

Met at ten minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger 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. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Report.

Report of the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for the fiscal year 2015 (received December 18, 2015),-- **was placed on file.**

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Lewis, for the committee on Public Health, on petition, a Bill to ensure microbead-free water (Senate, No. 463);
Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Timilty, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill to establish a sick leave bank for Robert Albany, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2073); and
By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to establish a sick leave bank for Jared Forgues, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2077);
Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Messages were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to modernizing municipal finance and government (House, No. 3906) [for message, see House, No. 3905] as relates to sections 15 through 30, 36 through 41, 48 through 55, 57 through 79, 81 through 94, 96 through 100, 201 through 220, 232 through 240;

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to modernizing municipal finance and government (House, No. 3907) [for message, see House, No. 3905] as relates to sections 13, 14, 230, 231 and 241;

To the committee on Public Service.

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to modernizing municipal finance and government (House, No. 3908) [for message, see House, No. 3905] as relates to sections 31 through 35, 42 through 47, 56, 95, 101 through 183, 221, 242 through 249;

To the committee on Revenue.

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to modernizing municipal finance and government (House, No. 3909) [for message, see House, No. 3905] as relates to sections 1 through 12, 80, 222 through 229;

To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to modernizing municipal finance and government (House, No. 3910) [for message, see House, No. 3905] as relates to Sections 184 through 200.

To the committee on Transportation.

A Bill relative to the regional public safety communications and dispatch center for the city of Revere and the town of Winthrop (House, No. 3365,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. deMacedo) "congratulating Dinah O'Brien on the occasion of her retirement from Plymouth Public Library";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hedlund) "honoring Mayor Susan Kay for her service to the city known as the town of Weymouth"; and

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Timilty and Rush) "congratulating Alice Fischer on the joyous occasion of her one hundred tenth birthday."

Reports 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 House Bill designating the 2d Sunday in June annually as Massachusetts Race Amity Day (House, No. 2745, amended).
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, in concurrence.

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 House Bill regulating sewer betterment assessments in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3654).
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, in concurrence.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3912) of Hannah Kane for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the condominium laws;
Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3913) of Nick Collins and Linda Dorcena Forry for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Elizabeth Missett Browning, an employee of the Trial Court;
Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3914) of Lori A. Ehrlich and others relative to issuing licenses to carry firearms to persons named on the consolidated terrorist watchlist maintained by the Terrorist Screening Center;
Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3915) of Mathew Muratore and Viriato M. deMacedo for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Angela Cappellucci, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance; and
Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3916) of Benjamin Swan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Ronald Brace, an employee of the Department of Youth Services;
Severally, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3917) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to Gold Star Family motor vehicle registration eligibility;
Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Transportation.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill relative to the tax status of certain land owned by a housing authority within the city of Cambridge (see House, No. 3867, 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. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday 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 past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.