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

Pledge of allegiance.

Communications.

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

Communications from the Honorable Stanley C. Rosenberg, President of the Senate announcing the following appointments:

Stephanie S. Lovell, Esq. (pursuant to Chapter 4 of the Resolves of 2016) to the Task Force on Integrity in State and Local Government; and

Integrity in State and Local Government.

Nina Kimball (pursuant to Section 66 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women.

Commission on the Status of Women.

Report.

Report of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (pursuant to Section 207 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) submitting its second annual report on the MBTA Fiscal and Management Control Board (received December 15, 2016),-- was placed on file.

MBTA,-- annual report. SD2766.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Message from His Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Section 8 of Article LXXXI of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to validating the results of the annual town election held in the town of Becket on May 16, 2015 (House, No. 4756),-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Becket,-- election results.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4761) of James J. O'Day and Harriette L. Chandler (by vote of the town) that the town of West Boylston be authorized to appoint the town clerk of said town;

West Boylston,-- town clerk.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4763) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier, Benjamin B. Downing and Paul W. Mark (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Pittsfield be authorized to provide post-employment benefits for school bus drivers in said city;

Pittsfield,-- post-employment benefits.

To the committee on Public Service.

A Bill relative to continuing education of insurance producers (House, No. 4760,-- on House, No. 821),-- was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to

Insurance producers,-- education.

the committee on Rules.

Notice was received from the House announcing the following appointment by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives:

Richard P. Grassie, President and CEO of Prism Security, Inc., has been appointed to serve as his designee on the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel (under Section 14 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2016).

Decommissioning
Citizens Advisory
Panel.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Donoghue) “commemorating the 2016 celebration of Chanukah by Chabad of Nashoba Valley”;

Chanukah.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) “congratulating Sean Derek Echeverri of the town of North Attleborough on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Sean Derek
Echeverri.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) “congratulating James Will Hope of the town of North Attleborough on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

James Will Hope.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) “congratulating Adam George Mirza of the town of North Attleborough on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”; and

Adam George Mirza

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) “congratulating Kevin Smith of the town of North Attleborough on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

Kevin Smith.

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 House Bill relative to firefighters in the town of Concord (House, No. 3878),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Concord,--
firefighters.

The House Bill exempting the position of deputy superintendent of police in the city of Lowell from the civil service law (House, No. 4714),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Lowell,--
civil service.

Reports of Committees.

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 a certain intersection under the control of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in the town of Bridgewater (House, No. 4607).

Bridgewater,--
intersection.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Timilty, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading as follows: “An Act designating a certain intersection under the control of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in the city known as the town of Bridgewater”.

By Ms. Spilka, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill establishing a snowmobile educational safety program (Senate, No. 1955),-- ought

Snowmobiles,--
safety.

to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2515).

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Lovely, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The bill (Senate, No. 2515) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Ms. Spilka, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Enise Pierre, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 4735, amended),-- ought to pass.

Enise Pierre,--
sick leave.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Timilty, 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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A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4768) of Jeffrey N. Roy, Richard J. Ross and Karen E. Spilka for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kirsten Parisi, an employee of the Commission for the Blind,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Kirsten Parisi,--
sick leave.

A Bill authorizing Timothy King to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable county retirement board (House, No. 4580, amended,-- on petition),-- was read.

Timothy King,--
creditable service.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Lovely, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

A Bill authorizing Michael Locke to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable county retirement board (House, No. 4581, amended,-- on petition),-- was read.

Michael Locke,--
creditable service.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

A Bill providing for certain sewer services by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (House, No. 4733,-- on petition),-- was read.

Sharon,-- sewer
service.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Timilty, 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 be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Rodrigues) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Designating a certain intersection in the town of Plainville as the Special Police Officer Mike O. Maher Memorial Intersection (see Senate, No. 2165, amended);

Bills laid before the
Governor.

Designating a certain intersection in the town of Pembroke as the James "Tiny" Brown Memorial Square (see House, No. 4701); and

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Authorizing the town of Reading to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (see House, No. 4703).

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., in a full formal session without a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of Mr. Timilty, at nineteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.