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Thursday, April 2, 2015.

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

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

Communication.

Communication from the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Item 4512-0204 of Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2014) submitting its FY2015 report on Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) Pilot Expansion (received April 2, 2015),-- **was placed on file.**

Report.

Report of the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission (pursuant to Section 38 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting its 2014 Charitable Gaming annual report (received April 1, 2015),-- **was placed on file.**

Petition.

Mr. Timilty presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James E. Timilty for legislation relative to group insurance costs for certain public retirees,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were severally considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:- Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Brownsberger and Welch) "commending the Admetech Foundation on hosting the seventh Annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Day at the Massachusetts State House on April 16, 2015"; Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) "congratulating Joseph L. 'Joe' Amaral on being named the Portuguese-American Person of the year by the Greater Taunton Chapter of the Prince Henry Society of Massachusetts, Inc."; and Resolutions (filed by Mr. Timilty) "congratulating Ellen Wilbur on receiving the 2015 Access to Justice Award from the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance and the Victim and Witness Assistance Board."

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 Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Denise Dellagrotte, an employee of the Trial Court.

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

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 Bruce E. Tarr and Bradford R. Hill for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for James DiMarino, an employee of the Sex Offender Registry Board.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Timilty, 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.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Jehlen,--

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.

Adjourn In Memory of Charlie Shannon

The Senators from Middlesex, Ms. Jehlen and Mr. Lewis, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Senator Charlie Shannon who died ten years ago on April 5 after a long battle with cancer.

Shannon represented the Second Middlesex District for over fourteen years.

Shannon first became involved in government when he was appointed to the Winchester Board of Assessors in 1987 and was later elected to the post in 1989. He served as its chairman from 1989-1990.

During this time, he was also a Town Meeting member.

Also, during his 20 years of service with the Lexington Police Department, he had received two commendations for bravery.

During his State House service, he served as the chairman of Ethics and Rules, as well as vice chairman of Bills in Third Reading. He had also served as the vice chairman for Municipalities and Regional Government, as well as State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Senator Shannon's commitment to public safety and young people is memorialized in the Shannon Grants which promote youth development and combat violence.

His commitments to the environment and to recreation are memorialized at the Shannon Beach on the Mystic Lakes.

His service and his friendship live on in the memories of colleagues and the people he served.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Charlie Shannon, at five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Jehlen, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.