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Thursday, July 9, 2015.

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

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

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Petrucci, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1966) of Anthony W. Petrucci and Adrian Madaro (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to affordable housing in East Boston [Local approval received];

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Housing.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joan B. Lovely and Leah Cole for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Susan Metheny, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services ;

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 Mrs. L'Italien) "congratulating Reginald 'Buzz' Stapeczynski on the occasion of his retirement"; and
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rosenberg) "commending Taiwan President Ma Ying-Jeou on his visit to Boston."

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Gobi, Ms. Spilka and Ms. Jehlen) "commemorating the seventieth anniversary of the Massachusetts Equal Pay Act."

The Chair (Mr. Wolf) then requested that Senator Gobi come to the Rostrum to read the resolutions, as follows:

RESOLUTIONS COMMEMORATING THE SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS EQUAL PAY ACT.

WHEREAS, JULY 10, 2015 MARKS THE SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS EQUAL PAY ACT; AND

WHEREAS, FIFTY-TWO YEARS AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THE FEDERAL EQUAL PAY ACT OF 1963 AND 51 YEARS AFTER THE ENACTMENT OF TITLE VII OF THE FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, WOMEN CONTINUE TO SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES OF INEQUITABLE PAY DIFFERENTIALS; AND

WHEREAS, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED IN 2014 BY THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU FOR THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, FULL-TIME WORKING WOMEN IN 2013 EARNED ONLY

82 PER CENT OF THE EARNINGS OF FULL-TIME WORKING MEN; AND WHEREAS, FULL-TIME WORKING WOMEN IN THE COMMONWEALTH EARNED 81.2 PER CENT OF THE EARNINGS OF FULL TIME WORKING MEN FOR THE YEAR 2013; AND WHEREAS, NATIONALLY, FULL-TIME WORKING AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND LATINA WOMEN EARN 64 CENTS AND 56 CENTS RESPECTIVELY FOR EVERY DOLLAR EARNED BY THEIR WHITE MALE COUNTERPARTS; AND WHEREAS, ACCORDING TO A 2013 ANALYSIS OF OVER 300 CLASSIFICATIONS PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR STATISTICS, WOMEN EARN LESS IN NEARLY EVERY OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION FOR WHICH SUFFICIENT DATA WAS AVAILABLE; AND WHEREAS, OVER A WORKING LIFETIME, THIS WAGE DISPARITY COSTS THE AVERAGE AMERICAN WOMAN AND HER FAMILY \$700,000 TO \$2,000,000 IN LOST WAGES, WHICH HAS A PROFOUND IMPACT ON SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS AND PENSIONS; AND WHEREAS, FAIR PAY STRENGTHENS THE SECURITY OF FAMILIES AND EASES FUTURE RETIREMENT COSTS WHILE ENHANCING THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL ECONOMIES; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATE HEREBY RECOGNIZES THE COMMEMORATION OF JULY 10, 2015 AS THE SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EQUAL PAY ACT; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE TRANSMITTED FORTHWITH BY THE CLERK OF THE SENATE TO THE MASSACHUSETTS CAUCUS OF WOMEN LEGISLATORS.

The resolutions were then adopted.

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to require electric utility companies to solicit long-term contracts for clean energy generation (Senate, No. 1965) (received in the office of the Clerk of the Senate on Thursday, July 9, 2015, at seventeen past nine o'clock A.M.).

The message was read; and, under Senate Rule 19, with the accompanying bill, was referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.
Sent to the House for concurrence.

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Spilka, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Susan Welliver, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Senate, No. 1954),-- **ought to pass.**

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Gobi, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.
Sent to the House for concurrence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hedlund,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Wolf), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of the South Carolina 9.

Adjournment in Memory of the South Carolina 9.

The Senator from Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester, Mr. Rosenberg, requested that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of the nine men and women who died at Emanuel A. M. E. Church in Charleston, South Carolina on the evening of June 17, 2015.

Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, Depayne Middleton-Doctor, Clementa C. Pinckney, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel L. Simmons, Sr., Sharonda Coleman-Singleton and Myra Thompson.

Each one, though unknown by us, was loved by friends and family, each one a vital part of their church and their community. Their reverend, a pastor and fellow legislator of 19 years from the state of South Carolina, was leading them in bible study moments before the attack. All nine were shot and killed in a senseless crime of hate. These deaths have left our nation shaken.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote: "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." In that spirit, let us resolve today not to remain silent, but to speak up against injustice, and work to extinguish all forms of hatred and intolerance in our communities, our Commonwealth, and our Country.

The Senate wishes to convey its deepest and most heartfelt sympathies to the survivors, the victims' families and friends, the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, the South Carolina State Legislature, and all others who have been affected by this tragedy.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of the South Carolina 9, at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hedlund, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.