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Friday, July 15, 2016.

Met at five minutes past one o'clock P.M.

The Senator from Norfolk and Plymouth, Mr. Keenan, then led the members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Communications.

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 6B of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its quarterly report on the status of federal funds applied for, received and expended in the 4th quarter of fiscal year 2016 (received July 14, 2016),-- **was placed on file.**

Communication from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (under the provisions of Section 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws) submitting proposed amendments to regulations for 205 CMR 6.00: Pari-Mutuel Rules for Thoroughbred Racing, Harness Racing, and Greyhound Racing (Senate, No. 2431) (received Thursday, July 14, 2016),-- **was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2437) of Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the Town of Boxford to establish a reserve fund for certain special education costs [Local approval received]; **Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

By the same Senator, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2436) of Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide property tax exemptions for certain nonprofit senior housing in Boxford [Local approval received]; **Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Spilka, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill providing access to full spectrum addiction treatment services (Senate, No. 1502, changed),-- **ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2432).**

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Keenan, and the bill was read a second time.

Remarks of Senator John F. Keenan.

Thank you for moving this item forward. I want to thank the chair of Ways and Means. Very quickly, in 2014 we passed Chapter 258 on providing coverage for up to 14 days of treatment. As part of that, we asked the chairs to do an analysis. People were going into detox and backing up there because they couldn't get to CSS beds. There was a backup to get to the next level of treatment, so we were losing them. Most in the profession will tell you 30 days is a critical point. This bill gets to that point by requiring insurance companies to provide treatment. They could not deny treatment but understanding that there still needs to be a look at the treatment provided, the insurance company will be notified and get a discharge plan to have an opportunity to talk with the clinician. These new mandates would become effective on October 1 of 2017. We also want to take a look back on the information we've acquired since the 14-day requirement went into effect. There would be no cost to the commonwealth. It would cost a maximum of about \$60 per year for a premium, and that's really a hypothetical on the high end. As we face severe revenue problems, we don't have enough money to meet the demands for the services we should be providing. We feel it acutely in treatment for substance abuse disorder. This takes much of what we're already doing and says to the private insurers, you have that same obligation. We're going to face some pressure, no doubt as this moves over to the House, from those who don't want this to see it passed. I thank my colleagues and ask the governor and the House to join with us and move this as quickly as possible. I urge passage of this bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

On motion of Mr. OConnor, under the provisions of Senate Rule 6, the remarks were printed in the Journal of the Senate. After further remarks, the pending amendment, previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, was considered; and it was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2432) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent to the House for concurrence.

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 relative to municipal contracts in the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 2225) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The House Bill relative to the health insurance of certain elected individuals in the town of Tyringham (House, No. 3649),-- was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills Returned with Recommendation of Amendment.

Message from His Excellency the Governor, returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill relative to a department of transitional assistance fraud detection report (see House, No. 4496) [being the text contained in Section 168 of the General Appropriations Bill (see House, No. 4450)] (for message, see Attachment O of House, No. 4505),-- came from the House with an amendment in the form approved by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading as follows:-

In section 1, by striking out, in line 9, the figure "90" and inserting in place thereof the figure "180".

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was before the Senate subject to amendment and re-enactment.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Keenan, and the Governor's amendment was considered forthwith.

On motion of the same Senator, after remarks, the Governor's amendment was adopted, in concurrence.

Sent to the House for re-enactment.

Message from His Excellency the Governor, returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill relative to municipality reimbursement (see House, No. 4503) [being the text contained in Section 196 of the General Appropriations Bill (see House, No. 4450)] [for message, see attachment V of House, No. 4505],-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had rejected the amendment recommended by the Governor, and had adopted the following amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

By inserting after section 1 the following two sections:

"SECTION 1A. Item 2330-0100 of section 2 of chapter 133 of the acts of 2016 is hereby amended by inserting after the words 'the town of Falmouth', the following words:- ; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the planning necessary to redevelop and maximize the functionality of the University of Massachusetts Marine Station at Hodgkins cove in the city of Gloucester; provided further that any funds expended from this item shall be matched by funds from the federal government or other sources.

SECTION 1B. Item 8000-0600 of section 2 of said chapter 133 of the acts of 2016 is hereby amended by inserting after the words 'health unit' the following words:- ; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Pembroke for public safety improvements."

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was before the Senate subject to amendment and re-enactment.

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

After remarks, the Governor's amendment was then rejected.

**The House amendment was considered; and it was adopted, in concurrence.
Sent to the House for re-enactment.**

Message from His Excellency the Governor, returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill relative to a feasibility report on the inclusion of spouses as paid caregivers (see House, No. 4499) [being the text contained in Section 181 of the General Appropriations Bill (see House, No. 4450)] (for message, see Attachment R of House, No. 4505),— came from the House with an amendment in the form approved by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading as follows:-

In section 1, by striking out, in line 1, the words “December 1, 2016” and inserting in place thereof the word “December 1, 2017”.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was before the Senate subject to amendment and re-enactment.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Keenan, and the Governor’s amendment was considered forthwith.

On motion of the same Senator, after remarks, the Governor’s amendment was adopted, in concurrence.

Sent to the House for re-enactment.

A Bill relative to simulcasting and racing days (House, No. 4459, amended—on House, No. 154),-- **was read.**

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

A Bill authorizing the city of Springfield to lease certain land (House, No. 3818,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read.**

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

A Bill authorizing the change in use of certain park land in the city of Springfield (House, No. 4159,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read.**

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

A Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant certain easements in the city of Medford and in the town of Winchester (House, No. 4518,-- on House, No. 4101),-- **was read.**

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

A Bill conveying a certain parcel of land on East First Street in the South Boston section of the City of Boston (House, No. 4293, amended,-- on petition),-- **was read.**

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

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Keenan,--

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 Mr. OConnor, at twenty-four minutes before two o’clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M.