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Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

Met at three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mrs. L'Italien 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 (Mrs. L'Italien), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Report.

Report of MassDOT (pursuant to Section 196(b) of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) submitting its report on MBTA Procurement and Service Contracts not subject to Sections 52-55 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws (copies having been forwarded as required to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Joint Committee on Transportation) (received September 2, 2015),-- **was placed on file.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3748) of Sheila C. Harrington (by vote of the town) that the town of Townsend be authorized to convey two parcels of land to the Department of Fish and Game;
To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3749) of William Smitty Pignatelli and Benjamin B. Downing (by vote of the town) that the town of Sheffield be authorized to appoint associate members to the conservation commission of said town for terms not to exceed one year;

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marian Grant, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 3751,-- on House, No. 3742),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

A Bill authorizing the city of Melrose to issue licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises to table-service restaurants and function rooms with a minimum seating capacity (House, No. 3713, amended-- on House, No. 3549) [Local approval received on House, No. 3549],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Report of the committee on House Steering, Policy and Scheduling asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1764) of Byron Rushing and others for legislation to make it unlawful to discriminate on the basis of height and weight in compensation or in terms, conditions or privileges of employment,-- **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary,-- was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

Engrossed Bill Returned by Governor.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robert McMahan, an employee of the Department of Public Health (see Senate, No. 1951, amended) (which on Monday, August 24, 2015, had been laid before the Governor for his approbation) was returned, unsigned, with his objections thereto in writing, by His Excellency the Governor, on Thursday, September 3, 2015, at five minutes before four o'clock P.M. [for message see Senate, No. 2007].

The message (Senate, No. 2007) was read, and, on motion of Mr. Tarr, referred to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:
The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Provincetown to change the residency requirement for certain officials (House, No. 3585),-- **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. 3753) of Garrett J. Bradley, Barbara L'Italien and Timothy R. Madden relative to ABLE accounts,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.**

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 (Mrs. L'Italien) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Authorizing the town of Ipswich to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see Senate, No. 1948); and
Exempting the position of police chief in the town of Hull from the civil service law (see House, No. 3596).

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 twelve minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.