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

Pledge of allegiance.

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Hinds, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2154) of Adam G. Hinds and Tricia Farley-Bouvier for legislation to provide that future members of the police department of the town of Adams shall be exempt from the provisions of the Commonwealth's civil service law [Local Approval Received];

Adams Police Dept.,— civil service.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. O'Connor (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Vincent J. D'Andrea for legislation relative to the issuance of motorcycle permits for persons under the age of eighteen; and

Motorcycle,— permit requirements. SD2301

By Ms. Spilka, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Karen E. Spilka for legislation to prohibit the sale of dextromethorphan to minors;

Dextromethorphan, — sale to minors. SD2302

Severally under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3881) of William L. Crocker, Jr., (by vote of the town) that the town of Barnstable be authorized to restrict the use of certain land in said town; and

Barnstable,— land use.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3882) of Denise Provost and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to impose fees on certain development projects to fund the Green Line Extension;

Somerville,— Green Line Extension.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3883) of Danielle W. Gregoire, James B. Eldridge and Carmine L. Gentile (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Marlborough be authorized to exempt all positions in the department of public works of said city from the civil service law;

Marlborough,— public works.

To the committee on Public Service.

A Bill renaming Muddy pond in the city known as the town of Barnstable to be called Crocker pond (House, No. 3679,— on petition) [Local approval

Barnstable,— Crocker pond.

received],-- was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) “congratulating James Scott of the City of Attleboro on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

James Scott.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka and Mr. Ross) “congratulating Matthew Arnold of the Town of Franklin on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”; and

Matthew Arnold.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Welch) “commending the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers on its recognition of August 13 to 19, 2017 as National Health Center Week.”

Massachusetts
League of
Community Health
Centers.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preambles Adopted.

An engrossed Bill designating a certain park in the town of Hingham as the Eugene F. Creedon Memorial Park (see House, No. 3708, amended), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0.

Creedon Memorial
Park,-- Hingham.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and sent to the House for enactment.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Richard Capone, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see House, No. 3722, amended), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0.

Richard Capone,--
sick leave.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and sent to the House for enactment.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Linda Boudria, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see House, No. 3795), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0.

Linda Boudria,-- sick
leave.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and sent to the House for enactment.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Edward Gates, an employee of the Department of Environmental Protection (see House, No. 3796, amended), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly

Edward Gates,--
sick leave.

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prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and sent to the House for enactment.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3884) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Cam-ly Escobar, an employee of the Department of Children and Families,-- **was referred in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Cam-ly Escobar,--
sick leave.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Westborough to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 3758) (which originated in the House), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before the
Governor.

Emergency Preambles Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Renee Salisbury, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Senate, No. 2101, amended), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0.

Renee Salisbury,--
sick leave.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and sent to the House for enactment.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michelle Dancy, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see Senate, No. 2116), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0.

Michelle Dancy,--
sick leave.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and sent to the House for enactment.

Remarks of Minority Leader Bruce E. Tarr.

We in the Massachusetts Senate work long and hard to ensure that we reject hatred and intolerance and racism in the commonwealth of Massachusetts, in the United States of America and in our society. I rise to make a statement relative to events in Virginia this weekend. On Saturday, there were at least two rallies that occurred, one involving groups that are reportedly white supremacists and in those rallies and in that atmosphere of hatred and intolerance, there was tragedy. A 32-year-old paralegal from Charlottesville died and two State Police officers died in helicopter crash because their service was required over the rally. Thirty-four other

Remarks of Minority
Leader Bruce E. Tarr.

people were wounded in the clashes. It is incumbent on all of us to reject and repudiate acts of intolerance, hatred and violence and racism, whether its source be white supremacy or anything else. That is why I rise to condemn what happened this Saturday in Virginia and to say we must continue to stand as a Senate, as a Legislature, as a commonwealth and as a nation against hatred, violence, intolerance, and racism. I feel it is our solemn obligation to do so as Americans. We share a common sense of virtues that include freedom and justice and liberty to all. I appreciate the ability to rise in condemnation of these events and the sentiments that motivated those acts, I ask that at the conclusion of my remarks the Senate engage in a moment of silence to remember those who have been lost, to remember what is at stake if we do not thoroughly repudiate violence and to ensure our commonwealth does not tolerate those negative things and that the Senate continue to lead in that spirit. Thank you, Mr. President.

Remarks of Senator William N. Brownsberger.

I join the gentleman in deploring the racist, white supremacist rally that occurred and inspired the events that followed that rally. I note that moments ago we made a pledge for liberty and justice to all. We deplore any movement designed to subvert those American values.

On motion of Mr. Tarr, under the provisions of Senate Rule 6, the above remarks were printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Mr. Tarr, the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the events that took place in Charlottesville, Virginia.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first two 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. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Establishing a sick leave bank for Renee Salisbury, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (Senate, No. 2101, amended);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Michelle Dancy, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (Senate, No. 2116);

Designating a certain park in the town of Hingham as the Eugene F. Creedon Memorial Park (House, No. 3708, amended);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Richard Capone, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 3722, amended);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Linda Boudria, an employee of the department of mental health (House, No. 3795; and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Edward Gates, an employee of the Department of Environmental Protection (House, No. 3796, amended).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Remarks of Senator William N. Brownsberger.

Ordered printed.

Moment of Silence.

Bills laid before the Governor.

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.

Time of meeting.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Edward "Skip" Hammond of Greenfield.

Moment of Silence.

Adjourn In Memory of Edward "Skip" Hammond.

The Senator from Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester, Mr. Rosenberg, moves that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Edward "Skip" Hammond of Greenfield.

Edward "Skip" Hammond passed away on July 19, 2017 at the age of 76.

Skip was a graduate of Greenfield High School and the University of Massachusetts. Upon graduation, Skip joined the United States Army where he served as a Commanding Officer of an Armor Training Unit at Fort Knox, Kentucky and, ultimately, achieved the rank of first Lieutenant. For his service Skip was awarded the Army's medal of commendation.

Starting at a young age and through his service in the Army, Skip worked for Gribbon's Band Instruments, which provided band instruments and supplies to Greenfield public schools and the surrounding area. Skip purchased the business in 1969 and served as President for 14 years.

In 1983, following the passage of Proposition 2 ½, Skip founded GBI Marketing, a local family run company that provided fundraising options to local schools and other non-profit organizations, to help fill funding gaps created by limited resources. GBI grew from a local New England based operation to a nationwide business, serving over 5000 non-profit groups each year. Through his efforts countless organizations were able to raise critical funds to sustain valuable programs and services to their local communities.

Throughout his life, Skip was an active member of the community, devoting both his time and personal resources for the betterment of the area. At various points throughout his life he served as a board member, chair, or president of dozens of local organizations, including: the Greenfield Savings Bank Board of Directors, the Greenfield Rotary Club, the Greenfield Teen Center, the Greenfield Fire Study Committee, the Greenfield Community College Foundation, the Greenfield Health and Safety Commission, and Greenfield Community Television, as well as the Bernardston Business Association and the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce. Skip provided countless donations of his time and resources to the Greenfield and Bernardston police, and fire, as well as other local agencies.

Edward "Skip" Hammond is survived by his beloved wife Kathleen (Langan) Hammond, his son Shane Hammond of Bernardston, his daughter Kerry Hammond and her life partner Jason Bassett of Northfield, his sister Marion Scott of Shelburne Falls, two sisters-in-law, Patricia Jordan and Nancy Langan both of Greenfield, his brother-in-law Robert Langan of Mississippi, several nieces and a nephew.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory Edward "Skip" Hammond, at twenty-three minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Tarr, the

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Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.
