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Met at five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Forry in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Timilty) introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Suvan Shukla from Milton and Jordan Voccola from the Rhode Island. The two students were recognized for their work as summer interns in Senator Timilty's office. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Suvan Shukla and Jordan Voccola.

Communication.

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 2E of Chapter 47 of the Acts of 2017) submitting revised Fiscal Year 2018 transfer schedules for the following account:1599-6152 State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund (received August 18, 2017),-- was placed on file.

Comptroller,-- revised transfer schedules. SD2307

Reports.

The following reports were severally received and placed on file, to wit: Report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (pursuant to Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the August 2017 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund report (received August 17, 2017); and Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2015, as amended by Section 136 of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2016) submitting its report entitled "An Assessment of Fatal and Nonfatal Opioid Overdoses in Massachusetts (2011-2015)" (received August 16, 2017).

DUA,-- trust fund report. SD2308
DPH,-- opioid overdoses assessment. SD2309

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Andrew Williams, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (House, No. 3848),-- was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Andrew Williams,-- sick leave.

Bills

Eliminating the preliminary election in the city of Revere in 2017 (House, No. 3874,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Revere,-- elections.

Authorizing retired police officers serving as special police officers in the town of Canton to serve until the age of 70 (House, No. 3885,-- on House, No. 3817) [Local approval received on House, No. 3817];

Canton,-- police officers.

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

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Recess.

There being no objection, at six minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Ms. Forry) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at eight minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate reassembled, Ms. Forry in the Chair.

Recess.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) "congratulating Joseph Cohen on the occasion of his retirement."

Joseph Cohen.

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 House Bill relative to the employment contract for the Director of Public Works in the town of Upton (House, No. 3726),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Upton,-- Director of Public Works.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Millbury to issue an additional liquor license (House, No. 3789),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: "An Act authorizing the town of Millbury to grant 1 additional liquor license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises".**

Millbury,-- liquor license.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3886) of Stephen Kulik and Adam G. Hinds for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jacqueline Staelens, an employee of the Trail Court;

Jacqueline Staelens,-- sick leave.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3887) of Ruth B. Balsler, Byron Rushing and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to renaming the Yawkey commuter rail station; and

Yawkey commuter rail station.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3888) of Kenneth I. Gordon for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of Bedford as the Hart-Desiato bridge;

Bedford,-- Hart-Desiato bridge.

Severally, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Transportation.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Timilty,--

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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 Mr. Tarr, the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Melvin P. Olson, Jr.

Moment of silence.

Adjourn In Memory of Melvin P. Olson, Jr.

Mr. Tarr in the Chair, the same Senator moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Melvin P. Olson, Jr.

Melvin P. Olson, Jr. passed away on August 3, 2017 at the age of 88. He served as a Corporal in the United States Army during the Korean War in the 2nd Infantry Division. Serving his country proudly, Mr. Olson, fought alongside his twin brother, Alfred "Frenchie" Olson, in six major battles in Korea. After the war, he attended Burdett Business School, graduating in 1954 and beginning a career in banking. Mr. Olson worked for the Gloucester Cooperative Bank for 28 years where he served as the Treasurer; however he transferred to the Ipswich Cooperative Bank and worked there for a number of years before his retirement. He also served as both the Clerk and Director of the Board of Directors for 10 years at the Gloucester Cooperative Bank and was considered a respected leader.

Mr. Olson, who was a lifelong resident of Gloucester and a graduate of Gloucester High School, displayed a profound commitment to his community. He served as the treasurer of several local organizations, including the March of Dimes, the local chapter of St. Jude, and the Gloucester Fraternity Club, of which he was a member since 1973. Since 1955, he was a devoted member to the Holy Name Society at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church of Gloucester, serving as the organization's secretary for many years. A proud veteran, he was a member of the Gloucester Veterans of Foreign Wars and the WWII Memorial Committee in which he served as both Secretary and Treasurer. He was a life member of the Gloucester Elks Lodge 892 and was a member of the D.E.S. Club, the Spiran Lodge of Rockport, and the Main Street Bowling League. Mr. Olson enjoyed his free time spent playing horseshoes and darts with friends from the Gloucester Fraternity Club.

Mr. Olson will be remembered and missed by the many friends he made through his years of service to his community. He is survived by his wife Ruth to whom he was happily married for nearly 60 years. He will be greatly missed by his three children, six grandchildren, and young great grandson and his dedication and service to his community will not be forgotten.

Ms. Forry in the Chair, accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Melvin P. Olson, Jr., at sixteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.