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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017.**

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Met at four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. McGee in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

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

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Pledge of allegiance.

### *Communication.*

Communication from the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office submitting a copy of the plan of action reports for the Norfolk Sheriff's Office Correctional Center and Dedham Alternative Center (received September 14, 2017),-- **was placed on file.**

Norfolk Sheriff,--  
plan of action reports.  
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### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Revenue, on Senate, Nos. 1613 and 1615, a Bill relative to clarifying property tax exemptions for solar and wind systems (Senate, No. 2160);

Solar power,-- tax  
exemptions.

**Read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

### *Committee Discharged.*

Ms. Chang-Diaz, for the committee on Education, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2079) of Kristin Beatty for legislation to reduce non-ionizing radiation exposure in schools,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health;

Radiation exposure,--  
schools.

**Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.  
Sent to the House for concurrence.**

### PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the town of Whately to continue the employment of John Lasalle as a call firefighter (House, No. 3791, amended,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Whately,-- John  
Lasalle.

### *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brady) "congratulating Michael Douglas of the town of Hanover on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout"; and

Michael Douglas.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brady) "congratulating Thomas Simon of the town of Hanover on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout."

Thomas Simon.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3919) of Dylan Fernandes relative to the establishment of first-time homebuyer savings accounts and providing for an income tax deduction for certain amounts contributed to such accounts,-- **was referred in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Revenue.**

First-time  
homebuyer,-- savings  
account.

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Mr. McGee), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Daron Jean Baptiste of Holbrook.

Moment of silence.

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. McGee) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Authorizing the town of Wrentham to grant 9 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see Senate, No. 23, amended);

Bills laid before the  
Governor.

Authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the city of Brockton (see Senate, No. 2138); and

Authorizing the town of Williamsburg to continue the employment of call firefighter James Ferron (House, No. 3834, amended).

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Timilty,--

*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.

*Adjourn In Memory of Daron Jean Baptiste of Holbrook*

The Senator from Norfolk and Plymouth, Mr. Keenan, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it adjourn in memory of Daron Jean Baptiste of Holbrook.

Daron Jean Baptiste succumbed to a long battle with cancer on July 1, 2017. In his tragically short life of just thirteen years, however, he amazed and inspired so many around him with his love of learning and his drive to make the world a better place.

Daron visited us here in the Senate frequently over the past two years, while he and his classmates from Holbrook so passionately and persistently advocated for an official declaration of Peace Day in Massachusetts. Daron, his classmates, and his teacher, researched the idea for a bill, learned the legislative process, and watched with pride as their much needed message – a call for peace, kindness, and understanding around the world – was filed as a bill, moved through the committee process, was passed by the Senate, and then was enthusiastically approved by the

Governor of Massachusetts. Battling his illness at the time, Daron would come to the State House wearing his tie and baseball cap, always smiling, and always with incredibly thoughtful questions on a range of topics. He insisted on attending every meeting and milestone event until the bill became a law.

Later this week, on September 21st, we will mark the second annual declaration of Peace Day in Massachusetts, a fitting time to remember Daron's contributions to his community, to his Commonwealth, and to the family and friends he inspired through his faith, his bravery, and his enthusiasm for life.

Daron is survived by his parents Hairs and Bernadette, his older brother Johnathan, his younger sister Heraphie, and many aunts, uncles, cousins.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Daron Jean Baptiste of Holbrook, at twenty-five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.