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Thursday, November 16, 2017.

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

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

The following communications were severally received and placed on file to wit:

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader, announcing the appointment of Senator Donoald F. Humason, Jr. (under the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 121 of the Acts of 2016) to the the Special Legislative Commission to examine the accessibility of informatin concerning the legislative process of the General Court and the expansion of public records; and

Special Commission on Public Records.

Communication from the State Comptroller (under the provisions of Section 35T of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting November, 2017 MBTA certification of dedicated sales tax revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 (received November 15, 2017).

Office of the Comptroller,-- November MBTA certification. SD2392

Reports of a Committee.

By Ms. Gobi, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on petition, a Bill relative to increasing the annual stipend for members of the Commonwealth's Hazardous Material Response Team (Senate, No. 404);

Hazardous Material Response Team,-- stipend.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill requiring producer responsibility for collection, reuse and recycling of discarded electronic products (Senate, No. 421);

Electronic products,-- recycling.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to information technology producer responsibility (Senate, No. 473); and

IT producers,-- responsibility.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the timely disposal of contraband drugs (Senate, No. 491);

Contraband drugs,-- disposal.

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Rebecca Owumi, an employee of the Essex County Sheriff's Office (House, No. 4035,-- on petition); and

Rebecca Owumi,-- sick leave.

Authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land in the city of Gardner (House, No. 4037,-- on House, No. 4027);

Gardner,-- land.

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) “congratulating Benjamin W. Clark of the town of Millis on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Benjamin W. Clark.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) “congratulating Evan Mustard of the town of Millis on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”; and

Evan Mustard.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) “congratulating James Hunter Thisse of the town of Millis on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

James Hunter Thisse.

Communication.

The following communication, which was received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate at twenty minutes past four o’clock P.M. on Monday, May 13, 2017, was read and placed on file to wit:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE

November 13, 2017

Senator Thomas M. McGee,--
resignation.

Mr. William Welch
Clerk of the Massachusetts Senate
State House, Room 335
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk,

I hereby irrevocably resign from my position as the State Senator for the Third Essex District, as of 6:59pm on January 2, 2018. Thank you in advance for your assistance on this matter and ensuring that this letter is on file with the Senate, the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Treasurer of the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,
THOMAS M. MCGEE
Third Essex

On motion of Mr. O’Connor, the above communication was ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Ordered printed.

Order Adopted.

Mr. Rosenberg offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That by the authority of article IV of section II of chapter I of the Constitution, the Senate irrevocably accepts the resignation of Thomas M. McGee as senator from the Third Essex district, dated November 13, 2017 and effective as of 6:59 P.M. on January 2, 2018, and declares that, by reason of this resignation, the office of senator from the Third Essex district is vacant as of January 2, 2018 at 6:59 P.M. By the authority of article XXIV of the Amendments to the Constitution, the Senate directs the president of the Senate to issue a precept setting forth March 6, 2018, as the day for holding an election to fill the vacancy in the Third Essex district, comprising of the city of Lynn and the towns of Lynnfield, Marblehead, Nahant, Saugus and Swampscott in the county of Essex.

Precepts,--
Third Essex district.

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Under the rules, referred to the committee on Rules.

Subsequently, Mr. Montigny, for the said committee, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Report of a Committee

By Ms. Spilka, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ann Marie Campos, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 3965),-- ought to pass.

Ann Marie Campos,-
- sick leave.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the bill 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 establishing a sick leave bank for Ann Marie Campos, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth".

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Timilty,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.