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Monday, February 26, 2018.

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

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Report.

Report from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to FY18 state budget line-item 7061-9611) submitting its After-School and Out-of-School Time Quality Grants (received February 22, 2018),-- was placed on file.

DESE, -- time quality grants report. SD2544

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Moore, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on petition, a Bill relative to elevator certification fees (Senate, No. 1347);

Elevator certification,-- fees.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the use of unmanned aerial systems (Senate, No. 1348);

Unmanned aerial systems.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to regulate the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (Senate, No. 1349);

Unmanned aerial vehicles,-- regulate.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the safety of children in school buses (Senate, No. 1350);

School bus,-- safety.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to human trafficking prevention (Senate, No. 1353);

Human trafficking,-- prevention.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill prohibiting the illegal lending of firearms (Senate, No. 1354);

Firearms,-- lending.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to licensing vertical reciprocating conveyors (Senate, No. 1355);

Vertical reciprocating conveyors,-- license.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill enhancing the safety of bank customers and employees (Senate, No. 1357); and

Bank employees,-- protection.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to ensure compliance with the anti-shackling law for pregnant incarcerated women (Senate, No. 1359);

Pregnant inmates,-- anti-shackling.

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

By Mr. Moore, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on petition, a Bill relative to novelty sparklers (Senate, No. 1344);

Novelty sparklers.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit: Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4249) of James M. Kelcourse and Kathleen O'Connor Ives (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the

Newburyport,-- special election.

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city of Newburyport be authorized to hold a special election in said city;

To the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4250) of Paul Tucker and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to impose a local excise tax on short-term rentals in said city;

Salem,-- short term rentals.

To the committee on Revenue.

Bills

Amending the charter of the town of Oxford to elect 3 members of the housing authority (House, No. 3746,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Oxford,-- housing authority.

Authorizing the sale of certain property located at 616 Towne Street in the town of North Attleborough (House, No. 4248,-- on House, No. 3787) [Local approval received on House, No. 3787];

Attleborough,-- sale of land.

Were severally 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 considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely and Mr. Ross) “commending the National Eating Disorders Association on its recognition of February 26 through March 4, 2018 as Eating Disorders Awareness Week.”

National Eating Disorders Association.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Montigny, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Michael J. Rodrigues, Steven S. Howitt and Patricia A. Haddad for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for David Silvia Jr., an employee of the Department of Correction.

David Silvia,-- sick leave. SD2541

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

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A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4253) of Paul Tucker relative to the classification of certain employees of the South Essex Sewerage District for retirement purposes,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

South Essex Sewerage District,-- employees.

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., in a full formal session with a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at eleven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.