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Met at twenty-eight minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Friedman in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

A communication from the Honorable Harriette L. Chandler, President of the Senate, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Friday, June 1, 2018, at twelve minutes past two o'clock P.M.),-- was placed on file.

Senator Harriette L, Chandler,--Chapter 268A.

Report.

Report of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (pursuant to Section 66 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Report (received May 31, 2018,),-- was placed on file.

Status of Women,--2018 report. SD2669

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2540) of Michael F. Rush and Angelo M. Scaccia (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to a certain parcel of conservation land in the city of Boston [Local approval received]:

Boston,-- land.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marc R. Pacheco and Susan Williams Gifford for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Norma Jean Silva, an employee of the Trial Court; and

By Mr. Tarr (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Companeschi for legislation relative to firearms licensing fees;

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

Norma Jean Silva,--sick leave. SD2670

Firearms,-- licensing fees. SD2671

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Public Service, on Senate, Nos. 2407 and 2416, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to public service issues (Senate, No. 2536);

Public Service committee,--study.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1490 and 1491, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Service to make an

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investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to public service matters (Senate, No. 2538); and

By Mr. Boncore, for the committee on Transportation, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2505), an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to mental health reporting requirements (Senate, No. 2537);

Transportation committee,-- study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Welch, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Senate Bills

Relative to rest homes (Senate, No. 347) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000]; and

regulations.
Assisted living,--safety.

Rest homes,--

To ensure resident safety within assisted living facilities (Senate, No. 355) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Severally ought to pass;

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

By Mr. Boncore, for the committee on Transportation, on petition, a Bill honoring and recognizing the heroism of Rosa Parks (Senate, No. 2410);

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

Rosa Parks,-- honor.

Mr. Montigny, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The Senate Resolutions for a United States constitutional amendment and amendments convention (Senate, No. 2243).

Constitutional amendment,--convention.

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Welch, for the committee on Health Care Financing, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Senate Bill to increase consumer transparency about insurance provider networks (Senate, No. 2523),-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means;

Insurance provider networks,-- transparency.

Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted. Sent to the House for concurrence in the discharge of the joint committee.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4551) of Paul K. Frost and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) that the town of Auburn be authorized to relocate Faith Avenue and convey remnant parcels of real property in said town,-was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Auburn,-- land.

A Bill authorizing the towns of Andover and North Reading to enter into an agreement for the supply of potable water (House, No. 4552,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Andover and North Reading,-- water.

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Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Crighton) "commending Dr. William Soto Santiago and the Global Embassy of Activists for Peace on the recognition of Altruistic Blood Donor Day in the Commonwealth";

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) "congratulating Doctor Steven D. Immerman on his retirement as President of Montserrat College of Art";

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) "congratulating Benjamin N. Demers on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) "congratulating Matthew S. McGaunn on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) "congratulating Elizabeth Burckes Boney on her one hundred and fifth birthday";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) "congratulating Daniel J. Enriquez on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) "congratulating Justin Keeve on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) "congratulating Christopher Ravosa on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) "congratulating Pradeep Manivannan on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) "congratulating Brendan Patrick McCarthy on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) "congratulating Sean P. McGillicuddy on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout"; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tarr) "commemorating Amateur Radio Week and honoring amateur radio operators as they celebrate Field Day."

Recess

There being no objection, at twenty-three minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Chair (Ms. Friedman) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and at eight minutes past five o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Ms. Friedman in the Chair.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2019 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4401),— came from the House with the endorsement that the House had NON-concurred in the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate, No. 2530), and had asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Representative Sanchez of Boston, Kulik of Worthington and Smola of Warren have been appointed the committee on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate insisted on its amendment and concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference; and Senators Spilka, Lovely and deMacedo were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Dr. William Soto Santiago and the Global Embassy of Activists for Peace. Doctor Steven D. Zimmerman.

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Amateur Radio Week.

Recess.

General appropriations bill.

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The bill was returned to the House endorsed accordingly.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow 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 (Ms. Friedman), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Shawn J. McDuff.

Moment of silence.

Adjourn In Memory of Shawn J. McDuff

The Senator from Essex, Ms. Lovely, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Shawn J. McDuff of Salem.

Shawn J. McDuff died unexpectedly at Salem Hospital on December 31, 2017. He was the husband of Maria DiScipio, with whom he shared 17 years of marriage.

Born and raised in Lynn, Shawn was the son of Joseph and Marie (Pepin) McDuff, of Nahant. He attended Lynn Schools and was a graduate of Lynn English High School, Class of 1986, for which he served as Senior Class Vice President. Shawn Earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Salem State College in 1990.

Shawn worked at the Independent Living Center of the North Shore and Cape Ann since 1990. At the time of his passing he was serving as Deputy Director of the center.

Shawn was an avid Bruins fan, and also of the Patriots and Red Sox "in that order." He was the former poster child for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in 1979. He had a great smile and a wonderful sense of humor. He was a hard worker and lived life to the fullest. He and his wife enjoyed taking cruises, dining out, and exploring cutting edge restaurants and food shows. He personified "The Measure of a Man." He was proud of his independence but was proudest in being able to help others achieve their independence.

In addition to his wife and parents, Shawn is survived by his sister, Shelli Mahan and her husband, James of North Andover, and a niece, Megan Mahan, also of North Andover. He will be truly missed by all who were fortunate to have known him and by those who never met him but were touched by who he was.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Shawn J. McDuff, at eleven minutes past five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.