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Thursday, May 31, 2018.

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

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, during consideration of the Orders of the Day, the President handed the gavel to Mr. Timilty for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Timilty then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Ashley Vaughn of Milton. Ashley is a student at Auburn University and was accompanied by her roommate, Marigrace Wilson of Centre, Alabama. Also visiting from Alabama were Marigrace's parents Cathy and Knox, her brother Greyson and sister Julianne. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Ashley Vaughn.

Communication.

Communication from the Hampshire Sheriff's Office relative to a plan of correction for the Hampshire County Jail & House of Correction inspection dated May 8, 2018 (received May 30, 2018),-- **was placed on file.**

Hampshire Sheriff's Office, -- plan of correction. SD2665

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting its report on birth data and statistics for the 2016 calendar year (received May 29, 2018);

DPH,-- 2016 births report. SD2662

Report of the Massachusetts Life Insurance Community Investment Initiative, LLC (pursuant to Section 2(e) of Chapter 259 of the Acts of 1998) submitting its 2017 annual report and statement of financial condition (received May 30, 2018); and

Life Initiative,-- 2017 annual report. SD2664

Report of the Senate Task Force on Strengthening Local Retail (pursuant to Senate Order, No. 2136) submitting its recommendations (Senate, No. 2534) (received May 30, 2018).

Retail Task Force,-- report.

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2532) of Marc R. Pacheco and Susan Williams Gifford (by vote of the town) for legislation to create senior tax relief in the Town of Carver [Local approval received];

Carver,-- senior tax relief.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Revenue.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Ms. L'Italien, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Barbara A. L'Italien for legislation relative to early voting in the 2018 primary elections; and

Early voting,--
primary elections.
SD2667

By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard J. Ross and Shawn Dooley for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Pamela Lopez, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services;

Pamela Lopez,--
sick leave.
SD2668

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

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Welch, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, Nos. 31, 44, 58, 63, 66, 340, 342, 348, 351, 601, 603, 604, 605, 610, 611, 614, 615, 616, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 630, 632, 634, 637, 638, 642, 644, 645, 647, 648, 649, 652, 653, 655, 656, 657, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 1087, 1088, 1111, 1112, 1162, 1165, 1166, 1171, 1174, 1183, 1211, 1219, 1223, 1240, 1256, 1266, 1367, 1449, 2118, 2172, 2239, 2282 and 2284, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Health Care Financing to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to financing and delivery of health care (Senate, No. 2535);

Health Care
Financing
committee,-- study.

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

Providing for provisional licensure for speech-language pathologists (Senate, No. 137) (also based on House, No. 2825) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Speech-language
pathologists,-- licenses.

Relative to the administration of diabetes medication (Senate, No. 214) (also based on House, No. 278) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Diabetes,-- glucagon.

Improving lives by ensuring access to brain injury treatment (Senate, No. 502) (also based on House, No. 2166) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Cognitive
rehabilitation.

Promoting continuity of care for multiple sclerosis treatment (Senate, No. 539) (also based on House, No. 529) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Multiple sclerosis,--
treatment.

Increasing injured workers' access to medical care and workers' compensation benefits (Senate, No. 1011) (also based on House, No. 3151) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Medical care,--
injured workers.

Relative to early childhood cavities (Senate, No. 1164) (also based on House, No. 624) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Childhood cavities,--
MassHealth.

Regulating central service technicians (Senate, No. 2184) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Central service
techs,-- regulate.

Relative to HIV screening and prevention (Senate, No. 2445) (also based on House, No. 4283) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

HIV,-- screening and
prevention.

Relative to volunteer ambulance service (Senate, No. 2446) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000]; and

DPH,-- ambulance
services.

To further define medical necessity determinations (Senate, No. 2453) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Medical necessity,--
define.

Severally ought to pass;

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

By Mr. Welch, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, No.

Lead poisoning,--
prevention.

1184 and House, No. 1626, a Bill modernizing childhood lead poisoning prevention (Senate, No. 1184) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

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

By Mr. Welch, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Senate Bill Concerning Health Insurance Benefits for Surviving Spouses of Firefighters in the City of Boston (printed as House, No. 4057) [Local approval received],-- ought to pass [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

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

Boston firefighters,--
health insurance
benefits.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4547) of Stephen Kulik (by vote of the town) that the town of Whately be authorized to continue the employment of John Hunnum, as fire chief in said town; and

Whately,--
John Hunnum.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4548) of David T. Vieira, Viriato M. deMacedo and Dylan Fernandes (by vote of the town) that the town of Falmouth be authorized to continue the employment of police chief Edward Dunne;

Falmouth,--
Edward Dunne.

Severally, to the committee on Public Service.

A Bill relative to disability benefits (House, No. 2515, amended,-- on petition),--
- was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

Disability benefits.

Bills

Repealing a certain act increasing the expenditure limits on revolving funds in the city of Attleboro (House, No. 4299,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Attleboro,--
revolving funds.

Relative to Water Meter Ordinance Violations – Penalties and Liens in the City of Revere (House, No. 4458,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Revere,-- water
meters.

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 severally considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Boncore) “congratulating Florence Esther ‘Floffie’ Novoselsky on her one hundredth birthday”;

Florence Esther
“Floffie” Novoselsky.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brady) “congratulating Michael Stevenson of the town of Hanover on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Michael Stevenson.

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”;

Dr. William Soto
Santiago and the Global
Embassy of Activists
for Peace.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Cyr, deMacedo, DiDomenico, Eldridge, Moore, O’Connor and Ross, Ms. Creem and Messrs. Tran and Welch) “recognizing the month of May as Skin Cancer Awareness and Detection Month”; and

Skin Cancer
Awareness and
Detection Month.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rodrigues) “commending the Biotechnology Innovation Organization on the twenty-fifth anniversary.”

Biotechnology
Innovation
Organization.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preambles Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Elliot Brown, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see House, No. 4267, amended), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 3 to 0.

Elliot Brown,--
sick leave.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Pacheco) and sent to the House for enactment.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Lisa Fuccione, an employee of the Department of Public Health (see Senate, No. 2522), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 3 to 0.

Lisa Fuccione,--
sick leave.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Pacheco) and sent to the House for enactment.

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 Barbara A. L'Italien for legislation to ensure an accurate census count (2020 Vision).

Census count,--
accuracy.
SD2657

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

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 Walter F. Timilty for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for James Lovett, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

James Lovett,-- sick
leave.
SD2660

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tran, 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.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Paul Walsh, an employee of the Department of Corrections (House, No. 4452,-- on petition),-- was read.

Paul Walsh,-- sick
leave.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. deMacedo, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4552) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Bruce E. Tarr and others (by vote of the towns) that the town of Andover and the town of North Reading be authorized to enter into an agreement for the supply of potable

Andover and North
Reading,-- water.

water;

Under suspension of Joint Rules 9 and 12, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4553) of Mark J. Cusack relative to the examination of evidence rooms and evidentiary procedures;

Evidentiary procedures.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4554) of Jeffrey N. Roy and Richard J. Ross for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jodi Cipriano, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services;

Jodi Cipriano,-- sick leave.

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

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first 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. Pacheco) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Increasing parking fines in the city of Gloucester (see Senate, No. 2223);

Bills laid before the Governor.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Felix Cruz, an employee of the Department of Youth Services (see House, No. 4381); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Audrey Art, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (see House, No. 4451).

The following House Order (approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) was considered forthwith as follows:

Ordered, that notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies be granted until Thursday, May 31, 2018, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 175, 182, 185 and 2273, and House document numbered 4297.

Economic Development and Emerging Technologies,-- extension order.

Pending the question on adoption of the order, Mr. Lesser presented an amendment striking the words "Thursday, May 31" and inserting in place thereof the words "Friday, June 15".

The amendment was adopted.

After remarks, the order (House, No. 4415, amended), as amended, was then adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Recess.

There being no objection, at twenty-five minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Chair (Mr. Pacheco) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-one minutes before two o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair.

Recess.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first 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 President and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Establishing a sick leave bank for Lisa Fuccione, an employee of the

Bills laid before the

Department of Public Health (see Senate, No. 2522); and

Governor.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Elliot Brown, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see House, No. 4267, amended).

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were considered as follows:

The House Bill providing for continued investment in the life sciences industry in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4501, amended),-- was read a second time.

Life sciences.

After debate, pending the question on adoption of the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2531, and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. deMacedo moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2, in line item 7002-0015 by inserting the following:- "; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be expended for construction, renovations and infrastructure improvements to support the Imaging Innovation Initiative for the Marine Biological Laboratory located in Woods Hole in the town of Falmouth".

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. deMacedo moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2, in line item 7002-0015 by inserting the following:- "; provided further that not less than \$3,220,000 shall be expended for the design, construction, development and related infrastructure improvements, including equipment, for a Center for Innovation, Engineering and Energy at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy to address workforce skills gaps in the areas of biotechnology, life sciences, energy, green energy, and secondary education in STEM areas; provided, however, that said funds shall not be used for faculty salaries".

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section__ the following section:-

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"SECTION_: Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, prior to transferring the consolidated net surplus in the budgetary funds to the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund pursuant to section 5C of chapter 29 of the General Laws, the comptroller shall dispose of the consolidated net surplus in the budgetary funds for fiscal year 2018 as follows: (i) transfer ½ of the surplus, not to exceed \$10,000,000, to the Massachusetts Life Sciences Investment Fund established in section 6 of chapter 23I of the General Laws; and (ii) transfer ½ of the surplus, not to exceed \$10,000,000, to the Massachusetts Community Preservation Trust Fund established in section 9 of chapter 44B of the General Laws."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended by striking sections 7 and 8 in their entirety and inserting in place thereof the following sections:

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"SECTION 7. Chapter 130 of the acts of 2008 is hereby amended by striking out section 49 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 49. The value of any tax incentive award under the life sciences tax incentive program established in subsection (d) of section 5 of chapter 23I of the General Laws that extends beyond December 31, 2023, including carry-forwards of losses or credits, shall be taken into account during the year awarded and the full amount of such tax benefits potentially realized in periods after December 31, 2023 shall be counted against the annual ceilings for years ending prior to January 1, 2024. Tax incentives authorized pursuant to the life sciences tax incentive program shall

count toward the \$30,000,000 annual ceiling only if they are not otherwise available to a taxpayer.

SECTION 8. Section 54 of said chapter 130, as most recently amended by section 57 of chapter 46 of the acts of 2013, is hereby further amended by striking out the figure ‘2018’ and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- ‘2023’.”

After remarks, the question on adoption of the amendment was determined by a call of the yeas and nays at six minutes before three o’clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Eldridge, as follows, to wit (yeas 15 – nays 22) [**Yeas and Nays No. 411**]:

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.	Hinds, Adam G.
Brownsberger, William N.	Jehlen, Patricia D.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Lewis, Jason M.
deMacedo, Viriato M.	L’Italien, Barbara A.
Eldridge, James B.	Lovely, Joan B.
Fattman, Ryan C.	Montigny, Mark C.
Feeney, Paul R.	O’Connor Ives, Kathleen – 15.
Friedman, Cindy F.	

NAYS.

Boncore, Joseph A.	Moore, Michael O.
Brady, Michael D.	O’Connor, Patrick M.
Chandler, Harriette L.	Pacheco, Marc R.
Collins, Nick	Rodrigues, Michael J.
Crighton, Brendan P.	Ross, Richard J.
Cyr, Julian	Rush, Michael F.
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Spilka, Karen E.
Gobi, Anne M.	Tarr, Bruce E.
Humason, Donald F., Jr.	Timilty, Walter F.
Keenan, John F.	Tran, Dean A.
Lesser, Eric P.	Welch, James T. – 22.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Chang-Diaz, Sonia – **1.**

The yeas and nays having been completed at three minutes before three o’clock P.M., the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2 in item 7002-0015 by adding the following:- “provided that \$1,000,000 shall expended to the Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute, Inc”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ the following section:-

“SECTION__. Section 38 of Chapter 63 is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:-

Super Research and Development Tax Credit

Section 1. A business corporation or taxpayer that qualifies for the research expense tax credit allowed under section 38M of this Chapter and 830 CMR 63.38M.1 is allowed an additional credit against the tax due under this section equal to the excess, if any, of qualified research expenses for the taxable year over the super credit base amount. For purposes of this section, ‘super credit base amount’ means the average amount spent on qualified research expenses by the taxpayer in the 5 taxable years immediately preceding the effective date of this section, increased

by 50%. For purposes of this section, 'qualified research expenses' has the same meaning as under 830 CMR 63.38M.1 but applies only to expenditures for research conducted in this State.

Section 2. The credit allowed under this section is limited to 50% of the taxpayer's tax due after the allowance of any other credits taken pursuant to this chapter.

Section 3. A business corporation or taxpayer entitled to a credit under this section for any taxable year may carry over and apply to the tax due for any one or more of the next succeeding 5 taxable years the portion, as reduced from year to year, of any unused credit, but in no event may the credit applied in any single year exceed 50% of the taxpayer's tax due after the allowance of any other credits taken pursuant to this chapter

Section 4. The credit provided by this section may not be used to reduce the business corporation or taxpayer's tax liability under this section to less than the amount of the taxpayer's tax due in the preceding taxable year after the allowance of any credits taken pursuant to this chapter.

Section 5. In the case of corporations filing a combined return, a credit generated by an individual member corporation under the provisions of this section must first be applied against the tax due attributable to that company under this Part. A member corporation with an excess research and development credit may apply its excess credit against the tax due of another group member to the extent that that other member corporation can use additional credits under the limitations of subsection 4. Unused, unexpired credits generated by a member corporation may be carried over from year to year by the individual corporation that generated the credit, subject to the limitation in subsection 3."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2, in item 7002-0015, by adding the following:- "provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended on the design, planning, construction, and development of a public private partnership life science incubator facility to support early-stage company growth through affordable spaces dedicated to life sciences companies, advanced bio-manufacturing, and scientific innovation to be located at Union Point in the City known as the Town of Weymouth"; and by striking out the figure "\$462,970,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "\$467,970,000".

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After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Welch moved that the proposed new text be amended by striking out, in line 60, the figure "\$5,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "\$10,000,000".

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After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2, in item 7002-0015, by adding at the end thereof: "; and provided further that, in the disbursement of funds authorized under this section, the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center shall prioritize partnerships between academia, including public and private higher education, industry, and government aimed at closing identified workforce skills gaps in the areas of biotechnology and life sciences in all regions of the Commonwealth".

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Welch moved that the proposed new text be amended in line 66, by striking the figure "\$12,000,000", and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-

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"\$20,000,000";

In line 71 by inserting after the word "program" the following:- "provided that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be allocated to such qualifying programs in Western Massachusetts"; and

In line 76, by striking the figure "\$462,970,000", and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "\$470,970,000".

The amendment was *rejected*.

The Ways and Means amendment, as amended, was then adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading and read a third time.

The question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays at nine minutes past three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Lesser, as follows, to wit (yeas 33 – nays 4) [**Yeas and Nays No. 412**]:

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.	Keenan, John F.
Boncore, Joseph A.	Lesser, Eric P.
Brady, Michael D.	Lewis, Jason M.
Brownsberger, William N.	L'Italien, Barbara A.
Chandler, Harriette L.	Lovely, Joan B.
Collins, Nick	Moore, Michael O.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	O'Connor, Patrick M.
Crighton, Brendan P.	Pacheco, Marc R.
Cyr, Julian	Rodrigues, Michael J.
deMacedo, Viriato M.	Ross, Richard J.
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Rush, Michael F.
Fattman, Ryan C.	Spilka, Karen E.
Feeney, Paul R.	Tarr, Bruce E.
Friedman, Cindy F.	Timilty, Walter F.
Gobi, Anne M.	Tran, Dean A.
Hinds, Adam G.	Welch, James T. – 33.
Humason, Donald F., Jr.	

NAYS.

Eldridge, James B.	Montigny, Mark C.
Jehlen, Patricia D.	O'Connor Ives, Kathleen – 4.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Chang-Diaz, Sonia – 1.

The yeas and nays having been completed at twelve minutes past three o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Moment of Silence

At the request of the President, the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Stephen Albert Sprague.

Moment of silence.

Recess.

There being no objection, at a quarter past three o'clock P.M., the President declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and at eight minutes past five o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to firearms (House, No. 4539,-- on House, No. 3610),-- was read.

Firearms.

Order Adopted.

Ms. Creem offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the House Bill relative to firearms (House, No. 4539) shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Thursday, June 7, 2018.

Procedural order.

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 5:00 P.M., on Monday, June 4, 2018. All such amendments shall be second-reading amendments to House, No. 4539, but further amendments in the third degree to such amendments shall be in order. The Clerk shall further specify the procedure and format for filing all amendments, consistent with this order.

After the bill as amended is ordered to a third reading, it shall immediately be read a third time and the question shall then immediately be on passing it to be engrossed, and no amendments shall be in order at the third reading of the bill unless recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

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. Keenan, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

The bill will be placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, June 7, 2018, for a second reading with the amendment pending.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday 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 Stephen Albert Sprague

The President in the Chair, the Senator from Cape and Islands, Mr. Cyr, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Stephen Albert Sprague.

Mr. Cyr in the Chair, Stephen Albert Sprague of West Yarmouth passed away at age 34 on February 21, 2018 after a courageous battle with cancer. Stephen attended Dennis-Yarmouth schools, and graduated from Cape Cod Regional Technical High School. He went on to attend college at Pennsylvania College of Technology and just prior to graduation entered the United States Army. After training, Stephen earned the honor to serve his country as a Combat Medic. Stephen served at various locations both at home and abroad including tours in the DMZ in Korea and a deployment to Iraq with the 10th Mountain Division. Stephen was proud to have been presented the Best Medic Award while competing in the National Expert Field Medical Badge competition in Hawaii. In addition to his service with the 10th Mountain Division, Stephen served with the 25th Infantry Division and earned his "spurs" as a member of the 4th Calvary unit. He also received numerous other commendations throughout his distinguished military career. Stephen attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and was most recently assigned to the Warrior Transition

Battalion due to his illness.

Stephen is survived by his wife Hillary, daughter Lillia, son Malcolm, and his faithful canine companion Max, a loving Pitbull that he rescued from the MSPCA. Stephen is the son of Albert and Judith Sprague of South Yarmouth, the brother of Christopher Sprague, and sister of Aimee Sprague Howell. Stephen is also survived by many loving extended family members.

We are grateful for Stephen's service to his country, and mourn that his life was cut short far too soon.

Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair, accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Stephen Albert Sprague, at ten minutes past five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Keenan, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.