

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017.**

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Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

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

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

Pledge of allegiance.

### *Communication.*

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 6B of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its quarterly report on the status of federal funds applied for, received and expended in the 2nd quarter of fiscal year 2017 (received January 13, 2017),-- **was placed on file.**

Comptroller,--  
federal grants report.  
SD201

### *Reports.*

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

Report of the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees (pursuant to Section 3 of Chapter 75 of the General Laws) submitting its rules and regulations adopted and/or amended by the Trustees of the University of Massachusetts in 2016 (copies having been forwarded as required to the Governor, the Secretary of Administration and Finance, and the House and Senate Chairs of the committees on Ways and Means) (received January 11, 2017);

UMass BOT,-- rules  
and regulations.  
SD154

Report of the Commission on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (pursuant to Section 69(h) of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for the calendar year 2016 (received January 11, 2017);

Grandparents raising  
Grandchildren,--  
annual report. SD157

Report of the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 12(c) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 (received January 11, 2017);

Comptroller,--  
CAFR.  
SD159

Report of the Bristol District Attorney's Office (pursuant to Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of wiretap interceptions for the 2016 calendar year (received January 13, 2017);

Bristol DA,--  
wiretap.  
SD240

Report of MassDevelopment (pursuant to Section 46(m) of Chapter 23G of the General Laws) submitting its FY16 annual report for the Transformative Development Initiative Cowork program (received January 13, 2017); and

MassDevelopment,--  
transformative  
development  
initiative. SD268  
MassDevelopment,--  
cultural facilities  
fund. SD294

Report of MassDevelopment (pursuant to Section 42(e) of Chapter 23G of the General Laws) submitting its ninth annual report on activities of the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund (received January 13, 2017).

### PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Message from His Excellency the Governor (pursuant to Section 152 of Chapter 127 of the General Laws) submitting a report of the exercise of the pardoning power by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 (House, No. 57),-- **was read for the information of the Senate and returned to the House to be placed on file.**

Governor,--  
list of pardons.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

The annual report of the Public Employee Retirement Commission (under sections 21, 102 and 103 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) relative to the per centum change in the average cost-of-living as shown by the United States consumer price index for the year 2016 compared with such index for the year 2015 (accompanied by bill, House, No. 56),-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

PERAC,-- cost of living.

Notice was received that the Speaker announced the appointment of Representatives Straus of Mattapoisett, Finn of West Springfield, Walsh of Framingham Gordon of Bedford, Donahue of Worcester, Ryan of Boston, Vincent of Revere, Carvalho of Boston, McGonagle of Everett, Howitt of Seekonk, Muradian of Grafton and Kane of Shrewsbury to the temporary committee on Transportation, established by a joint order adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives on January 4, 2017.

Temporary committee on Transportation.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Keenan) “congratulating Michael P. Mullen on his retirement from the Rockland Fire Department.”

Michael P. Mullen.

*Order Adopted.*

Mr. Tarr offered the following order, to wit:

*Ordered,* That there shall be a special senate committee to review and report on citizen engagement and participation in the legislative process. The review shall include, but not be limited to: (i) senate session broadcasting, including streaming on the general court website, and broadcast or distribution to local cable access stations; (ii) remote access and participation by the public; and (iii) guidelines and standards for social media use by members and staff. The committee shall consist of 7 members of the senate: the majority leader and minority leader, who shall serve as co-chairs; 3 members appointed by the senate president; and 2 members appointed by the minority leader. The committee may consult with experts in broadcasting, media production and others as determined by the co-chairs in order to facilitate the committee’s work. The committee may file an interim report; provided, however, that the committee shall file a final report of its findings with the clerk of the senate not later than June 1, 2017. The final report shall include recommendations to increase citizen engagement and participation in the legislative process and cost estimates, if any, to implement the committee’s recommendations.

Citizen engagement and participation.

**Under the rules, referred to the temporary committee on Rules.**

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

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.**

*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.

Time of meeting.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

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