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

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Reports.

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

Report of the District Attorney for Worcester County (under the provisions of Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for the calendar year 2016 (received January 20, 2017);

Worcester County DA,-- annual wiretap report. SD706 Attorney General,-- annual wiretap report. SD710 DCAMM,-- annual report. SD2059

Report of the Office of the Attorney General (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 20, 2017); and

Report of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (pursuant to Section 6(i) of Chapter 7C of the General Laws) submitting its FY2016 Annual Report "Supplier Diversity - Affirmative Marketing Program for Design and Construction" (received January 20, 2017)

Order Adopted.

Ms. Creem offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That a convention of the two branches be held at a half past six o'clock P.M., on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, for the purpose of receiving such communication as the Governor, Charles D. Baker may be pleased to make to them relating to the concerns of the Commonwealth.

Joint Session of the two Houses.

There being no objection, the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Recess.

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

Recess.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 58) of Robert A. DeLeo and Stanley C. Rosenberg relative to the compensation of public officials,— came from the House, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, referred to the temporary committee on House Ways and Means.

Legislative compensation.

The question on suspension of Joint Rule 12 was determined by a standing vote, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and it was suspended by a vote of 2 to 1.

The petition was then returned to the House.

Order Adopted.

Ms. Spilka offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the House Bill relative to compensation for public officials (House, No. 58), to be debated in the House of Representatives on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 shall be considered for debate in the Senate session of Thursday, January 26, 2017, as a paper from the House, at which time the Senator from Middlesex and Norfolk, Ms. Spilka will offer an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 16, with the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading, with the amendment pending.

Procedural order,--
legislative
compensation.

All amendments to the proposed new text (Senate, No. 16) shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 12:00 noon, on Wednesday, January 25, 2017. All such amendments shall be second-reading amendments to the recommended Spilka new text (Senate, No. 16) 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.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, and was considered forthwith and adopted.

The bill (House, No. 58) will be considered on Thursday, January 26, for a second reading with the amendment pending.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Rodrigues,--

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 without a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at seven minutes before six o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.