

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017.**

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Monday, February 13, 2017.

Met at seven minutes past eleven o'clock P.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.

Communications.

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

Communication from the Department of Early Education and Care (pursuant to line item 3000-6025 of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2016) submitting its reports on preschool partnership initiative and preschool expansion grants (received February 13, 2017); and

DEEC,-- preschool grant reports. SD2076

Communication from the Division of Ecological Restoration submitting its 2016 Annual Impact Report, Restoring Natural Infrastructure (received February 13, 2017).

DER,-- 2016 annual report. SD2077

Recess.

There being no objection, at eight minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Boncore) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and at four minutes past four o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Boncore in the Chair.

Recess.

Petition.

On motion of Mr. Tarr, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended on the petition, presented by Mr. Ross, (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard J. Ross and Elizabeth A. Poirier for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Ann Barry, an employee of the Division of Professional Licensure,— and the same was referred to the temporary committee on Ways and Means.

Ann Barry,-- sick leave. SD2075

Sent to the House for concurrence in the suspension of Joint Rule 12.

Orders Adopted.

Mr. Montigny offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, that the Senate Rule 13 be amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- "The President may also nominate the majority floor leader, 3 assistant majority floor leaders, a majority whip, two assistant majority whips and a President pro tempore."

Senate Rules.

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

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Wednesday next at a half past ten o'clock A.M.

Time of meeting.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

On motion of the same Senator, at six minutes past four o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Wednesday next at a half past ten o'clock A.M.