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Met at five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M.

The Senator from Worcester and Norfolk, Mr. Fattman, led the President, members, guests and staff in the recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 35T of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting its March 2017 certification of MBTA base sales tax and dedicated sales tax revenues for FY2018 (received March 2, 2017),-- was placed on file.

Comptroller,-- MBTA sales tax revenue. SD2114

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to Section 1J(a) of Chapter 69 of the General Laws) submitting its proposed amendments to 603 CMR 2.00, Accountability and Assistance for School Districts and Schools Regulations (received March 2, 2017);

DESE,-- 603 CMR 2.00 proposed amendments. SD2111

Report of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance (pursuant to line item 7004-0104 of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2016) submitting its report on the Home and Healthy for Good Program (received March 2, 2017); and

MHSA,-- home and healthy for good report. SD2113

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Sections 9G, 25, 43, and 78 of Chapter 112 of the General Laws) submitting its report entitled "Division of Health Professions Licensure Annual Report" (received March 3, 2017).

DPH,-- HPL annual report. SD2117

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jennifer L. Flanagan and Stephan Hay for legislation to designate the Spring Peeper as the official amphibian of the Commonwealth; and

Official amphibian,-- designate. SD2115

By Ms. Spilka, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Karen E. Spilka and Jeffrey N. Roy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Gail Weinberg-Kraus, an employee of the Trial Court;

Gail Weinberg-Kraus,-- sick leave. SD2116

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

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Walter F. Timilty, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2017 (submitted by the Governor under the provisions of Article LXXXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution) to reorganize the Department of Public Safety (see House, No. 68) [for Majority Report, see Senate, No. 2037],-- reported, in accordance with a provision of Senate Rule 23A,-- recommending that said Reorganization Plan No. 1 "ought to be approved".

Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2017.

Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session, the question being “Shall this reorganization plan be approved?”

By Mr. James E. Timilty, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Gary Kellenberger, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (Senate, No. 1414);

Gary Kellenberger,--
sick leave.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kristine Schneider, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (Senate, No. 1416); and

Kristine Schneider,--
sick leave.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Christopher Eldredge, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 1419);

Christopher
Eldredge,-- sick
leave.

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

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Eldridge) “congratulating Chief Mark Francis Leonard on the occasion of his retirement”;

Chief Mark Francis
Leonard.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O’Connor) “congratulating William Stanford Cline of the town of Marshfield on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

William Stanford
Cline.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) “congratulating Keith Thomas Brockway of the town of Sherborn on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Keith Thomas
Brockway.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) “congratulating Hunter Lee Gregory of the town of Sherborn on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

Hunter Lee Gregory.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) “congratulating Tristan Vale Clark of the town of Hopkinton on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

Tristan Vale Clark.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) “congratulating Austin Walter Odell of the town of Hopkinton on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”; and

Austin Walter Odell.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) “congratulating Andrew Thomas Palleiko of the town of Hopkinton on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

Andrew Thomas
Palleiko.

Order Adopted

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M. and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

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