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Thursday, March 9, 2017.

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

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Honorable Stanley C. Rosenberg, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Senator Joan B. Lovely (under the provisions of Section 19 of Chapter 121 of the Acts of 2016) to the public records working group,-- was placed on file.

Public Records Working Group.

Petition.

Mr. Donnelly presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kenneth J. Donnelly and James J. Dwyer for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Dean Canada, an employee of the Department of Correction;

Dean Canada,-- sick leave. SD2118

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

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) "congratulating Michael Anzivino of the town of Norfolk on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Michael Anzivino.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) "congratulating Samuel Grant of the town of Norfolk on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout"; and

Samuel Grant.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) "congratulating Henry Christopher Lutes of the town of Norfolk on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout."

Henry Christopher Lutes.

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 Sal N. DiDomenico and Daniel J. Ryan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Ramona Foster, an employee of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Ramona Foster,-- sick leave. SD2092

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

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 Bruce E. Tarr, Donald F. Humason, Jr., Danielle W. Gregoire, Michael D. Brady and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to retirement benefits for certain veterans.

Veterans,-- retirement benefits. SD2086

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

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2776) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Robin Ouellette, an employee of the Department of Mental Health,-- **was referred in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Robin Ouellette,--
sick leave.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointments by the Speaker:

Representatives Kocot of Northampton, Scibak of South Hadley and Smola of Warren have been appointed to the special commission established (under Chapter 6 of the Resolves of 2016) to investigate and report on the preservation of Polish culture and history in the Pioneer Valley.

Preservation of
Polish culture,--
special commission.

Order Adopted

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

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.

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