

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



**THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017.**

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## JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

Thursday, March 16, 2017.

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

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

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Pledge of allegiance.

### *Communication.*

Communication from the Honorable Michael O. Moore in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at a half past eleven o'clock A.M.),--  
**was placed on file**

Senator Michael O. Moore,--  
Chapter 268A.

### *Reports.*

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

Report of the Special Commission on Provider Price Variation (under the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 115 of the Acts of 2016) submitting its report on provider price variation in the health care market (copies having been forwarded as required to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and Joint Committee on Health Care Financing) (received March 15, 2017);

Special Commission  
on Provider Price  
Variation.  
SD2123

Report of the Plymouth 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 March 13, 2017);

Plymouth DA,--  
wiretap.  
SD2127

Report of the Office of the State Auditor (pursuant to Section 17 of Chapter 11 of the General Laws) submitting the Bureau of Special Investigations fiscal year 2017 2nd quarter report (received March 15, 2017); and

Auditor,-- BSI 2nd  
quarter report.  
SD2128

Report of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (pursuant to Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012) submitting its 2016 annual report for the Health Care Workforce Transformation Trust Fund on activity through September 2016 (received March 15, 2017).

EOLWD,--  
workforce  
transformation fund.  
SD2129

### *Petitions.*

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Brady, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2040) of Michael D. Brady, Gerard Cassidy, Claire D. Cronin and Michelle M. DuBois (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the appointment of special police officers in the city of Brockton [Local approval received];

Brockton,-- special  
police officers.

**Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Public Service.  
Sent to the House for concurrence.**

By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Julian Cyr for legislation to correct pension inequity for James G. Clothier; and

James G. Clothier,--  
pension inequity.  
SD2125

By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Julian Cyr for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Renee Salisbury, an

Renee Salisbury,--  
sick leave.  
SD2126

employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance;

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2778) of Paul W. Mark and Carlos Gonzalez (with the approval of the mayor and town council) that the town council and the school committee of the city known as the town of Greenfield be authorized to submit certain measures to the voters of said city;

Greenfield,-- ballot questions.

**To the committee on Election Laws.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2779) of James J. Dwyer and Jay R. Kaufman (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to effective dates of rules and regulations established by the traffic commission of the city of Woburn;

Woburn,-- traffic commission.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2780) of Keiko M. Orrall and Michael J. Rodrigues (by vote of the town) that the town of Lakeville be authorized to establish a department of inspectional services and permitting for said town; and

Lakeville,-- inspectional services and permitting.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2781) of Joseph F. Wagner and James T. Welch (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Chicopee be authorized to lease a certain building in said city for a term of twenty-five years;

Chicopee,-- building lease.

**Severally, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2782) of Danielle W. Gregoire and Carmine L. Gentile (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Marlborough be authorized to exempt all positions in the fire department from the civil service law;

Marlborough,-- civil service.

**To the committee on Public Service.**

**Bills**

Establishing a sick leave bank for Hua Tan, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 1419, amended);

Hua Tan,-- sick leave.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Iqbal Shahzad, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 1458); and

Iqbal Shahzad,-- sick leave.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Elizabeth Traphagen, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 1464, amended);

Elizabeth Traphagen,-- sick leave.

**Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means**

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

Representative Collins of Boston to the special commission established (under Chapter 298 of the Acts of 2016) to study the regulation of cutting, welding and other hot work processes.

Commission on regulation of cutting and welding.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. L'Italien) "congratulating Andona Society, Inc. on the celebration of its sixty-fifth anniversary"; and

Andona Society, Inc.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Ross and James E. Timilty) “congratulating James Stors of the city of Attleboro on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

James Stors.

*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 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

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.**

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 Jennifer L. Flanagan and Stephen Hay for legislation to designate Spring Peeper as the official amphibian of the Commonwealth.

Spring Peeper,--  
official amphibian.  
SD2115

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.**

**Severally sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2791) of William C. Galvin relative to penalties for manufacturing, distributing, dispensing or possessing certain controlled substances,-- **was referred in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.**

Controlled  
substances,--  
penalties.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

*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 thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.