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Met at one minute past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Lovely in the Chair).

The Chair (Ms. Lovely), members, guests and employees 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 Department of Unemployment Assistance (pursuant to Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the February 2017 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund report (received March 9, 2017); Report of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (pursuant to Chapter 450 of the Acts of 2014) submitting its progress update from the Commission on Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (received March 9, 2017); and Report of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (pursuant to line item 0340-2100 of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2016) submitting its FY2016 Disabled Persons Protection Commission case referrals to the district attorneys (received March 10, 2017).

DUA,-- trust fund report. SD2119

EOHHS,-- homeless youth report. SD2120

MDAA,-- DPPC case referrals report. SD2122

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows: By Mr. Rodrigues, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael J. Rodrigues for legislation relative to post-retirement earnings of public retirees; and By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr, Ryan C. Fattman, Richard J. Ross, Patrick M. O'Connor and other members of the General Court for legislation to fairly fund early voting; Severally under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Public retirees,-- earnings. SD2121

Early voting,-- procedures. SD2112

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to enabling the Commonwealth's administration of the Massachusetts Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (House, No. 2777),-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Massachusetts Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:- Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brady) "congratulating Michael Fay of the town of Hanover on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout."

Michael Fay.

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Spilka, for the committee on Ways and Means, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 21), a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Paula Daggett, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2038).

Paula Daggett,--
sick leave.

The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Ross, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

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Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2784) of Paul McMurtry, John J. Lawn, Jr. and Jose F. Tosado that the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development be authorized to investigate whether motor vehicle manufacturers are complying with certain provision of the automotive "Right-to-Repair Act", so called;

Right to repair,--
compliance.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2785) of Aaron Vega, Byron Rushing and others relative to the expungement of records of marijuana arrests, detention, convictions and incarceration;

Marijuana
arrests,—
expungement.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Marijuana Policy.

Order Adopted

On motion of Mr. Ross,--

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.

Adjournment in Memory of Bruce Porter Eaton

The Senator from Essex, Ms. Lovely, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Bruce Porter Eaton.

Mr. Bruce Porter Eaton, 90 of Danvers, beloved husband of Joan (Murphy) Eaton and the late Martha J. (Dragon) Eaton with whom he shared 52 years of marriage, died Monday, February 13th 2017. Born in Danvers, he was the son of the late Raymond and Ruth (Porter) Eaton. He was raised and educated in Danvers and was a graduate of Holten High School, class of 1944. Following his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army Air Corps, he earned his bachelor's degree in engineering from Northeastern University.

Bruce was very proud of his service during World War II and worked to help other veterans as a member, adjutant and past president of the American Legion Post 180 of Danvers. He also was a member of the Veterans Council serving as chairman, Danvers Veterans Memorial Fields Committee and the Permanent Memorial Committee. As a town meeting member he convinced the town to donate \$25,000 to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., one of only two municipalities in the country to do so.

Bruce was employed as the Danvers town engineer and was then employed by the Pipe Division of Johns-Manville, first as a sales engineer for 13 years and district and regional manager for 14 years. He then worked for Thermal Pipe Systems and founded B.P.E. & Associates, until his retirement in 1999. Dedicated to his profession, he continued working as a consultant for CEC from 1999 until his passing.

A true Danversite, Bruce's dedication to his community is illustrated by his service to the many committees to which he was appointed: the planning board, water filtration committee, sanitation committee, Danvers Flagpole Committee, refuse revenue task force, flood hazard insurance committee, Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners for over 40 years, Balanced Growth Policy Steering Committee, South Essex Sewage-Citizen Advisory Committee, Beverly Airport Commission and the Route 128 Task Force.

Professionally, he was a member of the American Water Works Association, the New England Water Works Association and past president of the New England Water Pollution Control Association, a charter member of the Mass. Municipal Engineers, Boston Society of Engineers, American Academy of Environmental Engineers, the Mass Water Works Association and charter member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Bruce was a longtime member of Amity-Mosaic Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Danvers, recently passing 65 years.

Active in Danvers politics, he was elected to the school committee and was currently the longest serving town meeting member with over 50 years of service. He rarely missed a meeting and always did his homework to make the best decisions for his beloved Danvers. Bruce was a man of high moral values with a strong sense of family which motivated him in all of his activities.

Bruce was named Citizen of the Year and twice chosen as Grand Marshal of the Memorial Day Parade, quite a tribute to a dedicated man.

Bruce loved music, and as a talented saxophonist, played in the Salem State Chamber Orchestra and the Leo Toiler Band, among others. He was an active member of the Christian Science Church in Beverly.

His grandchildren and their achievements were very important to him. He brought great joy to all around him and his legacy to his family, faith and community will be long felt.

The beloved husband to his wife of 10 years, Joan (Murphy) Eaton of Danvers, Bruce is the devoted father of: Janet Brown of Danvers, Bruce R. Eaton and his wife Linda of Minneola, Florida, And Lois McKenzie and her husband Bill of Danvers; his grandchildren, Martha Cummings and her husband Al Sochard, Peter and Jennifer Cummings, Bruce Eaton and Alex Arvanities, Brian Eaton, Matt and Jessie Byrne, Lauren Byrne and Kristin and Justin Mercier; his great-grandchildren, Harrison, Olivia and Avery; his sister, Merle Dustin of New Hampshire; and several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Aldene Gordon and Nathalie Bray and father-in-law of the late Stanley Brown.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Bruce Porter Eaton, at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Ross, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.