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Met at twelve minutes past eleven o'clock A.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.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Boncore) handed the gavel to Mr. Tarr for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Tarr then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, members of the Dancing and Cultural Association Deropoli, visiting from Athens, Greece. The main objective of the group is to protect and preserve the cultural tradition of Epirus, Greece and are on this trip celebrating Greek Independence Day, sponsored by the Hellenic Foundation. The group was led by Olga Fotos, the Secretary of Hellenic/American Federation of New England. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber. They were also guests of Representative Speliotis.

Dancing and Cultural Association Deropoli.

Communications.

The following communications were severally received and placed on file:

Communication from the Joint Committee on Higher Education (under the provisions of Joint Rule 1) relative to the rules of procedure for said committee for the 2017-2018 legislative session (received Thursday, March 16, 2017); and

Committee on Higher Education.

Communication from the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government (under the provisions of Joint Rule 1) relative to the rules of procedure for said committee for the 2017-2018 legislative session (received Thursday, March 16, 2017); and

Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to plans of correction for the following correctional facilities:

DPH,-- plans of correction.
SD2130

Barnstable County Correctional Facility
Old Colony Correctional Center
Old Colony Correctional Center Kitchen Core Services
NCCI Gardner
Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center
Essex County Correctional Alternative Center
Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction
Western MA Recovery and Wellness Center
Essex County Correctional Facility (received March 17, 2017).

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Sections 5, 20 and 21 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspections of the following correctional facilities:

DPH,-- facility inspections.
SD2131

Hampden County Jail and House of Correction

NCCI Gardner (received March 17, 2017); and

Report of the Suffolk 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 17, 2017).

Suffolk DA,--
wiretap.
SD2132

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2786) Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush (by vote of the town) that the town of Dedham be authorized to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages; and

Dedham,-- liquor
license.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2787) of Thomas P. Walsh, Joan B. Lovely and Theodore C. Speliotis (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Peabody be authorized to grant twenty licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises;

Peabody,-- liquor
license.

Severally, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2788) of Christine P. Barber and others (with the approval of the mayor and board of aldermen) that the city of Somerville be authorized to impose municipal reviews on institutional master plans of certain institutional facilities; and

Somerville,--
municipal reviews.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2789) of Kenneth I. Gordon (by vote of the town) relative to the eligibility of town meeting members to hold other elected positions in town government of the town of Burlington;

Burlington,-- town
meeting members.

Severally, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2790) of Carole A. Fiola and Michael J. Rodrigues (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the Fall River Retirement Board be authorized to pay certain retirement benefits to the surviving spouse of Adam Franco;

Fall River Retirement
Board,-- Adam
Franco.

To the committee on Public Service.

Bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Paul Geraghty, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 905, amended); and

Paul Geraghty,-- sick
leave.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Robin Ouellette, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 2776, amended);

Robin Ouellette,--
sick leave.

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

Report of the committee on the Judiciary asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 783) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier and others for legislation to improve permanency and placement stability for children,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons and Disabilities,-- **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

Children,-- placement
and stability.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cyr) “congratulating Sheila Vanderhoef on her Retirement”;

Sheila Vanderhoef.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Moore) “commending Massachusetts Destination Imagination on its observance of April 1, 2017 as Massachusetts Destination Imagination Day”; and

Massachusetts
Destination
Imagination.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) “congratulating Ricardo Allen Fonseca of the town of Ashland on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

Ricardo Allen
Fonseca.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2792) of Adrian Madaro for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for William Motherway, an employee of the Trial Court,-- **was referred in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.**

William Motherway,-
- sick leave.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Wednesday next at one o'clock P.M., in a full formal session without a calendar.

Time of meeting.

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