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Monday, April 3, 2017.

Met at six 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.

*Communications.*

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

Communication from the Department of Transitional Assistance (pursuant to Section 2(B)(s) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting its report on the number of recipients exempt from having a photo on their Electronic Benefit Transfer card (received March 30, 2017); and

DTA,-- photo EBT report. SD2147

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader, announcing the appointment of Ms. Ann Couture of Middleton as his appointee (pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Resolves of 2016) to the Special Commission to study ways to prevent bullying in subsidized housing.

Bullying in subsidized housing commission.

*Reports.*

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

Report of the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission (pursuant to Section 38 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting its 2016 Charitable Gaming annual report (received March 29, 2017);

MA Lottery,-- 2016 annual report. SD2148

Report of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8 of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2016 annual report (received March 30, 2017); and

PVTA,-- FY16 annual report. SD2149

Report of the Division of Administrative Law Appeals (pursuant to Section 4H of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting its 2016 annual report (received March 31, 2017).

DALA,-- annual report. SD2150

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3459) of Aaron Vega and Donald F. Humason, Jr. (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to prevailing wages in the city of Holyoke,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.**

Holyoke,-- prevailing wages.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marie Visco, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 3450,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Senate Ways and Means.**

Marie Visco,-- sick leave.

*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 Julian Cyr

Sharon J. Nolan,-- sick leave. SD2141

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Sharon J. Nolan, an employee of the Trial Court.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, 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 Julian Cyr for legislation to correct pension inequity for James G. Clothier.

James G. Clothier,--  
pension inequity.  
SD2125

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, 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 Julian Cyr for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Renee Salisbury, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance.

Renee Salisbury,--  
sick leave.  
SD2126

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, 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 Michael J. Barrett for legislation to enable taxpayer donations to the Least Developed Countries Fund, an initiative of the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Least Developed  
Countries Fund,--  
taxpayer donations.  
SD2138

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3462) of Keiko M. Orrall and Marc R. Pacheco for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Monica Bassila, an employee of the Department of Public Health;

Monica Bassila,--  
sick leave.

**Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3461) of Aaron Vega and others relative to the excise imposed upon sales for capital investments to small businesses;

Capital investments,-  
- small businesses.

**Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Revenue.**

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

*Ordered,* That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in a full formal session with a calendar.

Time of meeting.

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Boncore), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Senator Kenneth J. Donnelly.

Moment of silence.

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On motion Mr. O'Connor, at eight minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned, in memory of Senator Kenneth J. Donnelly, to meet again on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.