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Met at eight minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Lovely in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to assault and battery of a police officer (House, No. 3539),-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Assault and battery,-- police officer.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Millis to transfer certain recreation property in exchange for dedication of conservation land (House, No. 1106,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Millis,-- conservation land.

Authorizing the city of Chicopee to lease a certain building (House, No. 2781,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Chicopee,-- building lease.

Were severally was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brownsberger) "commending Anthony J. Barsamian on the occasion of the 2017 Armenian Genocide Commemoration";

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Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brownsberger) "commending Ambassador Raymond Flynn on the occasion of the 2017 Armenian Genocide Commemoration";

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Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brownsberger) "commending James M. Kalustian on the occasion of the 2017 Armenian Genocide Commemoration";

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Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brownsberger) "commending Doctor Ara Nazarian on the occasion of the 2017 Armenian Genocide Commemoration";

Doctor Ara Nazarian.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Chandler and Mr. Moore) "congratulating AIDS Project - Worcester, Inc. on its thirtieth anniversary";

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Resolutions (filed by Ms. Jehlen) "commending the Welcome Project, Inc. on its thirtieth anniversary";

Welcome Project, Inc.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rosenberg, Ms. Creem, Messrs. DiDomenico, Keenan, Cyr, Barrett, Lewis, Fattman, Donnelly, Eldridge, Lesser, Pacheco and Montigny, Ms. Lovely and Mr. Brownsberger) "commemorating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the ratification of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution by the Commonwealth"; and

Fourteenth Amendment,-- ratification.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross) "congratulating Parker Nathans of the town of

Parker Nathans.

Millis on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Spilka, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for William Motherway, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 2792),-- ought to pass.

William Motherway,-
- sick leave.

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

Petition.

On motion of Ms. Gobi, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended on the petition, presented by Mr. Montigny, (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mark C. Montigny and Antonio F. D. Cabral for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Gail Normandin, an employee of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development,— **and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service.**

Gail Normandin,--
sick leave.
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Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Elizabeth Traphagen, an employee of the Department of Public Health (see House, No. 1464, amended) (which originated in the House), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Ms. Lovely) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before the
Governor.

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.

Adjourn In Memory of Deborah McNamara

The Senator from Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, and Middlesex, Ms. Gobi, moves that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in the memory of Deborah McNamara.

Ms. Gobi in the Chair, Debbie was a long time State House Ranger known for her service, smile and strength. Debbie was diagnosed with Hodgkin’s disease at the age of 15 and battled numerous upper body cancers since that time. Debbie did not live with cancer, cancer lived with her. It was a life dedicated to her family, friends and a commitment to raising money for cancer research and setting the finest example of courage in the face of adversity.

Debbie passed away on March 30th at the age of 54. She was predeceased by her parents John and Beatrice and her sister Cheryl Stack, She leaves her 5 siblings Lauren and her husband William McGuirk, John McNamara, Kevin McNamara

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and his wife Bridget, Deanna and her husband Ryan Sutton, David McNamara and his wife Allison, sister-in-law Lisa McNamara and brother-in-law Edward Stack and many nieces and nephews.

Ms. Lovely in the Chair, accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Deborah McNamara, at seventeen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Gobi, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.