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Thursday, June 15, 2017.

Met at eighteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger 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 (Mr. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Department of Public Utilities (pursuant to Section 1G(g) of Chapter 164 of the General Laws) submitting its 2016 annual report concerning self-generation (received June 15, 2017), -- was placed on file.

DPU,-- 2016 self-generation annual report. SD2234

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 May 2017 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund report (received June 13, 2017); and

DUA,-- trust fund report. SD2229

Report and Recommendations of the Task Force on Integrity in State and Local Government (pursuant to Chapter 4 of the Resolves of 2016, as amended by Sections 20 to 24 of Chapter 5 of the Acts of 2017) (received June 14, 2017) (a copy having forwarded to the Governor of the Commonwealth, the President of the Senate, the chairman of the Senate committee on Ethics and the Chairman of the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight).

Task Force on Integrity in State and Local Government. SD2235

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John F. Keenan and Bruce J. Ayers for legislation relative to surplus lines insurance premiums;

Insurance premiums,- surplus lines. SD2231

By Ms. L'Italien, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Barbara A. L'Italien for legislation to extend voting protection to early voting; and

Early voting,-- protection. SD2230

By Mr. Pacheco (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas W. Chiocca for legislation relative to the retirement of Thomas W. Chiocca;

Thomas W. Chiocca,- retirement. SD2232

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

Committee Discharged.

Ms. L'Italien, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional

Licensure, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 116) of James B. Eldridge, Robert M. Koczera and James Arciero for legislation to protect the privacy of consumer financial information; and

Financial information,-- privacy.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 120) of James B. Eldridge, Paul Brodeur, Denise Provost, Jay R. Kaufman and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to fairness in debt collection;

Debt collection,-- fairness.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Financial Services;

Severally, under Senate Rule 36, the reports were considered forthwith and accepted.

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. 3745) of Solomon Goldstein-Rose (by vote of the town) that the town of Amherst be authorized to enter the names of legal permanent resident noncitizens to the list of voters established by the town clerk of said town;

Amherst,-- noncitizen voters.

To the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3746) of Joseph D. McKenna and Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) that the town of Oxford be authorized to change the composition of the membership of the housing board in said town;

Oxford,-- housing board.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

A Bill designating the month of June as seatbelt awareness month (House, No. 1716, amended,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

Seatbelt Awareness Month.

Reports

Of the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Resources asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2145) of John W. Scibak relative to equine dentistry,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure; and

Equine dentistry.

Of the committee on Revenue, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2631) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr. for legislation to authorize the Department of Revenue to collect a surcharge for 911 services from the end users of prepaid wireless services at the point of sale on each retail sale,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security; and

911,-- wireless surcharge.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2600) of Thomas A. Golden Jr. relative to the taxation of energy storage systems,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy;

Energy storage,-- taxation.

Were severally considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.

Communication was received from Steven T. James, Clerk of the House of

Representative

Representatives announcing that Representative Pignatelli of Lenox has requested that in all legislative documents and records, he be referred to as Smitty Pignatelli rather than William Smitty Pignatelli.

Pignatelli.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brady) “congratulating Liam Keady of the town of Hanover on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Liam Keady.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cyr) “commending Phil Baroni on receiving the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Cape Cod & Islands Council Inc., Boy Scouts of America”;

Phil Baroni.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cyr) “congratulating Doctors Wilsa Ryder and Brian O'Malley on their retirement”;

Doctors Wilsa Ryder and Brian O'Malley.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cyr) “commending Heroes in Transition, Inc. on receiving the Distinguished Citizen Award from Cape Cod & Islands Council Inc., Boy Scouts of America”;

Heroes in Transition, Inc.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) “congratulating Blayke J. Courtemanche of the town of Topsfield on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Blayke J. Courtemanche.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Cameron Lacourse of the city of Taunton on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”; and

Cameron Lacourse.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Timilty) “congratulating Francis D. Millet on his one hundredth birthday.”

Francis D. Millet.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preamble Adopted

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Pamela Dube, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (see House, No. 3651, amended), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0.

Pamela Dube,-- sick leave.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and sent to the House for enactment.

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to recidivist drunk drivers (Senate, No. 2087) (received in the office of the Clerk of the Senate on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at a quarter before five o'clock P.M.).

Recidivist drunk drivers.

The message was read; and, under Senate Rule 20, with the accompanying bill, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Report of Committees.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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. Rodrigues, Carole A. Fiola, Paul A. Schmid, III and Alan Silvia for legislation to name a certain bridge in the city of Fall River as the Leonard "Lenny" Kaplan Memorial Bridge.

Fall River,-- bridge designation.
SD2202

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 Transportation. Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3759) of Nick Collins and Daniel J. Hunt (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to fund early education programs through a certain surcharge,-- **was referred in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Education.**

Boston,-- education programs.

Recess.

There being no objection, at twenty-three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at five minutes before two o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, the Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Rodrigues,--

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 four minutes before two o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.