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Wednesday, July 19, 2017.

Met at eleven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Chandler in the Chair)

Communication.

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 6B of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its quarterly report on the status of federal funds applied for, received and expended in the 4th quarter of fiscal year 2017 (received July 17, 2017),-- **was placed on file.**

Comptroller,--
federal grants report..
SD2268

Report.

Report of the Massachusetts Advisory Council on Organ and Tissue Transplants and Donations (pursuant to Section 15 of Chapter 17 of the General Laws) submitting its 2015 report (received July 18, 2017),-- **was placed on file.**

Organ and Tissue
Advisory Council,--
2015 report. SD2269

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3817) of William C. Galvin and Walter F. Timilty (by vote of the town) that the town of Canton be authorized to use retired Canton police officers as special police officers for the purpose of performing certain police duties,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Canton,-- special
police officers

A Bill authorizing the town of Westborough to grant an additional liquor license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3758,-- on House, No. 3688) [Local approval received on House, No. 3688],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, was placed in the Orders of the day for the next session.**

Westborough,--
liquor license.

Report of the committee on Public Health asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3517) of Smitty Pignatelli and pothers that the Department of Public Health be authorized to conduct an investigation and study of the feasibility and value of providing diapers benefits to low-income infants and children,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities,-- **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

Diaper benefits,--
study.

There being no objection, at twelve minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Ms. Chandler) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at four minutes past three o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair.

Recess.

The Senator from Plymouth and Barnstable, Mr. deMacedo, then led the President, members, guests and staff in the recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3835) of Evandro C. Carvalho and others relative to the right of Abatement AB Initio for certain individuals;

Abatement AB Initio.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3836) of David Paul Linsky, Richard J. Ross and Karen E. Spilka relative to the sponsorship of bridges crossing the state highways on or along the Cochituate Rail Trail in the towns of Natick and Framingham;

Cochituate Rail Trail,-- bridge naming.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3837) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier and Adam G. Hinds for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Mary Sorensen, an employee of the Department of Mental Health;

Mary Sorensen,-- sick leave.

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

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the city of Leominster to pay a certain unpaid bill (see Senate, No. 1132) (which originated in the Senate), **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 President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

The House Bill establishing the Massachusetts pregnant workers fairness act (House, No. 3680, amended),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had concurred in the Senate amendment *with a further amendment* striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 3816.

Pregnant workers.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Lovely, and the further House amendment was adopted, in concurrence.

Committee of Conference Report.

A report of the committee of conference of the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendments to the House Bill to ensure safe access to medical and adult-use of marijuana in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3776) (*amended by the Senate* by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2097), reported a "Bill to ensure safe access to marijuana" (House, No. 3818),-- came from the House, and was read.

Marijuana,-- access.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Ross, and, after remarks, the report was accepted, in concurrence, by a vote of 15 to 5.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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

Time of meeting.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

On motion of the same Senator, at twenty-two minutes past four o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.