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Met at ten minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Eldridge in the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. Eldridge), 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 Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Senator Joanne Comerford (pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter 277 of the Acts of 2010) to the Food Policy Council (received March 1, 2019);

Food Policy Council,-- appt.

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 35T of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting its March 2019 certification of MBTA base sales tax and dedicated sales tax revenues for FY2020 (received March 1, 2019); and

Comptroller,-- MBTA sales tax revenue. SD2317

Communication from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (pursuant to Section 219(e) of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting an update on the activities and recommendations from the Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention Commission (received March 1, 2019).

EOHHS,-- commission update. SD2319

Reports.

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

Report of the Harm Reduction Commission (pursuant to Section 100 of Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2018) submitting its report and recommendations regarding harm reduction opportunities to address substance use disorder (received March 1, 2019); and

EOHHS,-- harm reduction report. SD2316

Report of the Multi-Agency Illegal Tobacco Task Force (pursuant to Section 40(d) of Chapter 64C of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2019 annual report (received March 1, 2019).

Tobacco Task Force, - annual report. SD2318

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. DiZoglio, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Diana DiZoglio for legislation relative to safe driving; and

Safe driving. SD2314

By Mr. Rodrigues, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael J. Rodrigues, Patricia A. Haddad, Steven S. Howitt, Carole A. Fiola and other members of the General Court for legislation to designate a certain building in the city of Fall River as the Captain Thomas Hudner, Jr. Memorial Building;

Fall River,-- building designation. SD2315

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to promoting housing choices (printed in House, No. 3507,-- being a message from His

Housing.

Excellency the Governor),-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Housing.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3508) of Bud L. Williams and others for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Patty Woods, an employee of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination; and

Patty Woods,-- sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3509) of David Allen Robertson for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Joseph Klimkofski, Jr., an employee of Department of Public Health;

Joseph Klimkofski,-- sick leave.

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

A Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2019 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 3506,-- on House, No. 74, in part),-- was read.

Supplemental appropriations.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. deMacedo, and the bill was read a second time. Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Rodrigues presented an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2181.

On motion of Mr. deMacedo, the further consideration thereof was postponed until Thursday, March 7.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. deMacedo--

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

Time of meeting.

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