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Met at a seven minute 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.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Boncore) handed the gavel to Mr. Feeney for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Feeney then introduced, in the Senate Gallery, the 7th grade class from the Ahern Middle School in Foxborough. The group of students were part of a Commonwealth Conversation Class that discuss the different aspects of state and local government. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Gallery.

Ahern Middle School.

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 to update the Massachusetts rideshare program;

Rideshare program. SD2426

By Mr. Tran, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dean A. Tran for legislation to commission a study on small manufacturing businesses in Massachusetts; and

Manufacturing businesses,-- study. SD2427

By the same Senator, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dean A. Tran for legislation to promote Massachusetts furniture manufacturers;

Furniture manufacturers. SD2428

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

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. DiZoglio) "commending William Shuttleworth on his 3,000 mile walk across America to raise awareness for his 'Veterans Don't Forget Veterans' campaign";

William Shuttleworth.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Lewis) "congratulating Rabbi Arnold M. Fertig on the occasion of his retirement from the Temple of Beth Shalom";

Rabbi Arnold M. Fertig.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Lewis) "commending the Melrose High School Marching Band on their representation of the Commonwealth in the National Memorial Day Parade";

Melrose high school marching band.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) "congratulating Eric Grady on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Eric Grady.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tarr) "commemorating Amateur Operators Radio Week and honoring amateur radio operators as they celebrate field day"; and

Amateur Operators Radio Week.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) "congratulating Alexander W. Green on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout."

Alexander W. Green.

Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Mark A. Paiva, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2215),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Mark A. Paiva,--
sick leave.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Reports of a Committee.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Adam G. Hinds for legislation to expand home ownership opportunities for the middle class;

Home ownership,--
middle class.
SD2331

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

By Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Adam G. Hinds and Natalie M. Blais for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Peter Feron, an employee of the Massachusetts Trial Court;

Peter Feron,--
sick leave.
SD2402

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Humason, 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 Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Diana DiZoglio for legislation relative to health insurance benefits for state employees;

State employees,--
health insurance.
SD2416

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Humason, 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.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Humason--

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 twelve minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on Monday at eleven o'clock A.M.