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

The Chair (Mr. DiDomenico), 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. DiDomenico) handed the gavel to Mr. Timilty for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Timilty then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, staff and family from "Be Inspired Together". The mission of this group is to provide financial support for those with the greatest need to be able to access the appropriate level of mental health services, regardless of financial means. All fundraising efforts work towards providing scholarships to bridge these gaps. "Be Inspired Together" was created by "Be Inspired Counseling" owner, Marci daCamara. Also, among the group were: Chris Basse, Pam Basse, Christina Mitchell, Chris daCamara, Bella daCamara, and Grace daCamara. The Senate welcomed them with applause, and they withdrew from the Chamber.

"Be Inspired Together".

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Sections 5, 20 and 21 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspection of Suffolk County Jail (received April 27, 2023); and

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD2586

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 4(b) of Chapter 258F of the General Laws) submitting its 2022 report on certification for victims of violent crime and human trafficking (received April 28, 2023).

EOPSS,-- visa report. SD2588

Petition.

Mr. Cronin presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John J. Cronin for legislation relative to modernizing Chapter 115,-- and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Veterans benefits,-- modernization. SD2587

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 3901,-- on House, No. 1, in part),-- was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

General appropriation bill,-- FY24.

Resolutions.

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

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Creem) “commending the United Nations General Assembly on its recognition of May 3, 2023 as World Press Freedom Day”; and

United Nations
General Assembly.
Francis Xavier
Bellotti.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. O’Connor, Timilty, Brady, Crighton, DiDomenico, Oliveira, Rodrigues, Moore, Velis and Keenan, Ms. Lovely, Messrs. Collins, Pacheco and Montigny, Ms. Creem, Ms. Gobi, Messrs. Rush, Eldridge and Finegold, Ms. Edwards and Messrs. Mark, Kennedy, Cyr, and Feeney) “congratulating Francis Xavier Bellotti on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday.”

Report of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Susan L. Moran for legislation relative to dental hygienist reciprocal licensure.

Dental hygienists,--
licensure.
SD2472

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. O’Connor, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jane Racine, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 3771, amended,-- on House, No. 3752),-- was read.

Jane Racine,--
sick leave.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O’Connor, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Lisa Balentine, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (House, No. 3779,-- on petition),-- was read.

Lisa Balentine,--
sick leave.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Timilty, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3815) of John J. Mahoney and Robyn K. Kennedy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Michael Grant, an employee of the Department of Correction; and

Michael Grant,--
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3814) of Aaron Michlewitz for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Sarah Kolb, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services;

Sarah Kolb,--
sick leave.

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

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Timilty,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday 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 Mr. O’Connor, at eleven minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M.