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Monday, March 27, 2017.

Met at two 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.

Communications.

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

Communication from the Honorable Suzanne M. Bump, Esq., Auditor of the Commonwealth, informing the General Court of a delay in filing the reports of the health care payment and delivery system of the Commonwealth (pursuant to Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012) until June, 2017 for a first report and a final report on or before June 30, 2018;

Health care payment and delivery system of the Commonwealth.

Communication from the Department of Public Health (pursuant to line item 1595-4510 of Section 2E of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2016) submitting its report on the Substance Abuse Trust Fund for the first and second quarters of FY17 (received March 22, 2017);

DPH,-- SATF quarterly report. SD2136

Communication from the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Section 35X(a) of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting its report entitled "Annual Report for Quality in Health Professions Trust Fund" (received March 22, 2017).

DPH,-- health professions trust fund. SD2137

Communication from the Joint Committee on Education (under the provisions of Joint Rule 1) relative to the rules of procedure for said committee for the 2017-2018 legislative session (received Thursday, March 23, 2017);

Committee on Education.

Communication from the Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development (under the provisions of Joint Rule 1) relative to the rules of procedure for said committee for the 2017-2018 legislative session (received Thursday, March 23, 2017);

Committee on Labor and Workforce Development

Communication from the Joint Committee on Public Health (under the provisions of Joint Rule 1) relative to the rules of procedure for said committee for the 2017-2018 legislative session (received Thursday, March 23, 2017); and

Committee on Public Health.

Communication from the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs (under the provisions of Joint Rule 1) relative to the rules of procedure for said committee for the 2017-2018 legislative session (received Thursday, March 23, 2017).

Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting its report on birth data and statistics for the 2015 calendar year (received March 22, 2017);

DPH,-- 2015 births report. SD2135

Report of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development

EOLWD,-- March

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(pursuant to Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the March 2017 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund report (received December 28, 2017); and

report.  
SD2139

Report of MassDevelopment (pursuant to Chapter 141 of the Acts of 2003) submitting the March 2017 Emerging Technology Fund Quarterly Report (received March 24, 2017).

MassDevelopment,--  
quarterly report.  
SD2140

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3449) of Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Leyden be authorized to continue the employment of Daniel J. Galvis, chief of the police department of said town,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

Leyden,--  
Daniel J. Galvis.

Reports

Of the committee on Higher Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 627) of Jennifer E. Benson and others relative to establishing a student tuition recovery fund for students from certain for-profit schools,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure; and

Student tuition  
recovery fund.

Of the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3373) of Hannah Kane and others for legislation to establish the marijuana health and safety protection commission,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Marijuana Policy;

Marijuana health and  
safety protection  
commission.

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

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3452) of Joseph F. Wagner and Eric P. Lesser for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kevin Blake, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Kevin Blake,-- sick  
leave.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. James E. Timilty and Walter F. Timilty) “congratulating Hazzan Steven W. Dress on being honored by Temple Israel.”

Hazzan Steven W.  
Dress.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

*Emergency Preamble Adopted; Engrossed Bill Enacted.*

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robin Ouellette, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see House, No. 2776, 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 3 to 0.

Robin Ouellette,--  
sick leave.

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

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the House for enactment.

Subsequently, the bill, which originated in the House, came from the House with the endorsement that it had been enacted in that branch.

**The Senate then passed the bill to be enacted; and it was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rosenberg) “congratulating Lewis H. “Harry” Spence on the occasion of his retirement.”

Lewis H. “Harry”  
Spence.

*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., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of Mr. Ross, at sixteen minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M.