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Met at a quarter past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Forry 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. Forry), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Ms. Forry) handed the gavel to Mr. Tarr for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Tarr then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, a group of guests visiting the State House in celebration of Parliamentary Law Month and in honor of George Demeter Day. Among the group were members from the George Demeter Unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians, the Boston Chapter of the Order of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association and the Hellenic Bar Association. Representing these groups were Peter A. Senopoulos, former President of all three organizations as well as the great-grandnephew of George Demeter, and his wife Jane, President of the George Demeter Unit, Kendra O'Toole, President of the Boston Chapter of the Order of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, Frank Fotis and his wife Maryned, Former Supreme Governor of the Boston Chapter of the Order of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, Constance Calliontzis, and past recipient of the Distinguished Attorney Award and representing the Hellenic Bar Association, Emmanuel Papanichoulos, and his daughter Crystal. They were accompanied by Chris Tisiotos, representing the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association and the Hellenic Bar Association, Lou Dakoyannis, past president of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association and member of the Hellenic Bar Association, and his son John and his friend Chris Devine, Michael Malamut, representing the George Demeter Unit, Virigina White, past president of the George Demeter Unit, and James Tracy, the newest member of the George Demeter Unit. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

George Demeter
Day.

There being no objection, the Chair (Ms. Forry) handed the gavel to Mr. Walter F. Timilty for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Walter F. Timilty then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Patrick Linehan and his mother Susan, visiting from Sharon. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Patrick and Susan
Linehan.

Communications.

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

wit:

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader, announcing the appointment of Senator Patrick M. O'Connor as his appointee (pursuant to Chapter 298 of the Acts of 2016) to the Special Commission to make an investigation and study of cutting, welding and hot work processes; and

Cutting, welding and hot work processes commission.

Communication from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to line item 7010-0012 of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2016) submitting its 2016 METCO program report (received April 10, 2017)

DESE,-- METCO program report. SD2159

Report.

Report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to Section 89(kk) of Chapter 71 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report on the make-up of the student enrollment of each charter school in the Commonwealth (received April 10, 2017),-- **was placed on file.**

DESE,-- charter school data report. SD2158

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Humason (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kristin Beatty for legislation to increase medical awareness and insurance coverage of non-ionizing radiation injury and reliance upon credible independent medical research;

Non-ionizing radiation,-- insurance. SD2155

By the same Senator (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kristin Beatty for legislation to reduce non-ionizing radiation exposure in schools; and

Radiation exposure,-- schools. SD2156

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr, Richard J. Ross, Donald F. Humason, Jr., Viriato M. deMacedo and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure internet security and privacy;

Internet,-- security and privacy. SD2157

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Report of the committee on Public Health asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1190) of Kay Khan and others for legislation to prohibit state licensed mental health professionals from subjecting minors to conversion therapy practices to change sexual orientation and/or gender identity,-- 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.**

Minors,-- sexual orientation and gender identity.

Notice was received from the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives informing the Senate that he has appointed Gloria Leipzig of Belmont as his designee to serve on the special commission established (under Chapter 2 of the Resolves of 2017) to make an investigation and study of the prevalence and impact of the bullying of tenants, with a focus on elderly and disabled tenants, in public and subsidized multi-family housing.

Bullying of tenants.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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

Recess.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) "congratulating Daniel Palleiko of the town of Hopkinton on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout."

Daniel Palleiko.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preamble Adopted

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for William Motherway, an employee of the Trial Court (see House, No. 2792), 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 4 to 0.

William Motherway,-
- sick leave.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Ms. Forry) and sent to the House for enactment.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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. Walter F. Timilty, at twenty-four minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.