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Wednesday, February 10, 2010.

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

The Chair (Mr. Petruccelli), members, guests and employees then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred, as follows:

By Ms. Creem, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cynthia Stone Creem, Frederick E. Berry, Stephen M. Brewer, Kenneth J. Donnelly and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation; and

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr, Robert L. Hedlund, Richard R. Tisei, Michael R. Knapik and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect the children of the Commonwealth from online predators;

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

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Morrissey, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on petition, a Bill relative to certain registrations (Senate, No. 2192); and

By Ms. Fargo, for the committee on Public Health, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 796), a Bill relating to safety regulations for school athletic programs (Senate, No. 2267); Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Chang-Diaz, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on petition, a Bill relative to the disposition of museum property (Senate, No. 1864);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing a Disaster and Emergency Aid Fund for Massachusetts Artists (Senate, No. 1869);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts cultural trust fund (Senate, No. 1878); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1862), a Bill to include three additional members on the advisory commission on travel and tourism (Senate, No. 2266);

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. Chang-Diaz, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on petition, a Bill designating volleyball as the official recreational and team sport of Massachusetts (Senate, No. 1873); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the observation of Veterans Day (Senate, No. 1874);

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Ethics and Rules

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4487) of William Smitty Pignatelli and Benjamin B. Downing (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing James M. McGarry to continue in service as chief of the police department of the town of Sheffield,-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

A Bill relative to the membership of the Conservation Commission of the town of Stockbridge (House, No. 4191-- on petition) [Local approval received], -- was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Report of the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the House Bill relative to the development of school medical emergency response plans by the Department of Education (House, No. 3828), and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Education,-- was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Panagiotakos, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Lila Kate Smith, an Employee of the Department of Developmental Services (Senate, No. 2243),-- ought to pass.

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

engrossed. Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. Panagiotakos, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Olivia Mulhall, an employee of the Department of the Trial Court (House, No. 4361),-- **ought to pass.**

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Hedlund, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

By Mr. Panagiotakos, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill relative to the police department of the University of Massachusetts (House, No. 4409),-- **ought to pass. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Hedlund, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

By Mr. Panagiotakos, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill relative to unemployment insurance rates (House, No. 4470),-- ought to pass.

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

By Mr. Berry, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Richard T. Moore for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jackie Enno, an employee of the Glavin Regional Center. **The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Hedlund, 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. Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hedlund,-

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at one o'clock P.M., in a full formal session.

Adjournment in Memory of Linda Fall

The Senator from Middlesex, Ms. Fargo, requested that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Linda Fall of Chelmsford.

As a state-wide advocate for the creation of the Prescription Advantage Program, Linda Fall was an inspirational force of nature. Linda had experienced five heart attacks by the age of 40 and shortly thereafter had a heart transplant. She promoted the Senate bill creating the Prescription Advantage Program because she knew that thousands of senior citizens and people with disabilities faced the double jeopardy of ruined physical and fiscal health. Linda lived ten years after the law's passage and through it all was a gentle and spirited champion of her community

and those in need.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Linda Fall, at eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hedlund, the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at one o'clock P.M.