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Thursday, September 3, 1998.

Met at two minutes past eleven o'clock A.M.

Special Commission — Appointment.

A communication was received from the Minority Leader, Mr. Lees, announcing the appointment of Ms. Kathryn Hedgepeth of Easthampton, to serve on the advisory council on Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, which was established by section 379 of Chapter 194 of the Acts of 1998.

Petitions.

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Hedlund, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert L. Hedlund for legislation to dedicate the Sea Street Bridge spanning the South River between the towns of Marshfield and Scituate; and

By Ms. Walsh, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marian Walsh for legislation relative to the State Board of Building Regulations and Standards;

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

Reports of a Committee.

Mr. Berry, for the committee on Steering and Policy, reported that the following matters be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House bills

Relative to the availability of certain criminal records to law enforcement agencies (House, No. 5403);

Relative to the annual observance of Gold Star Parents Day (House, No. 5437);

Validating certain action taken at a special town meeting of the town of Oxford (printed in House, No. 5494);

Relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 5524);

Designating a certain bridge in the city of Lowell as the Frank W. Grady Bridge (House, No. 5695, changed); and

Relative to the Cambridge Public Health Commission (House, No. 5741).

Papers from the House

A Bill providing for recall elections in the Dartmouth Fire District #2 (House, No. 5004,— on petition),— was read.

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

A Bill relative to the board of selectmen-town manager form of government in the town of Framingham (House, No. 5701,— on petition) [Local approval received],— was read.

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

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Bernstein) "congratulating Rose Sowa on the occasion of her eightieth birthday", were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Subsequently, Mr. Norton, for the said committee, reported, recommending that the resolutions ought to be adopted; and they were considered forthwith, under a suspension of the rules, moved by Mr. Bernstein, and adopted.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rauschenbach) "congratulating John and Donna Knight upon being named the 1998 honorees of the Eastham Windmill Weekend", were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Subsequently, Mr. Norton, for the said committee, reported, recommending that the resolutions ought to be adopted; and they were considered forthwith, under a suspension of the rules, moved by Mr. Bernstein, and adopted.

Papers from the House

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5805) of John F. Quinn, Robert M. Koczera, Thomas C. Norton and David B. Sullivan (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Freetown to borrow money outside its debt limit without the approval of certain agencies of the Commonwealth;

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Local Affairs.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5802) of Christopher J. Hodgkins and Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr. (by vote of the town) relative to real estate tax exemptions for members of the volunteer fire department of the town of Monterey;

To the committee on Taxation.

Bill Recalled from the Acting Governor.

On motion of Ms. Melconian, it was voted that a messenger be appointed to wait upon His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor, requesting the return to the Senate of the engrossed Bill relative to the uniform transfer on death security registration act (see Senate, No. 747, changed).

Ms. Melconian was appointed the messenger. Subsequently, the bill was returned to the Senate.

Papers from the House

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first three of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the President and laid before the Acting Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Regulating the production of fortified wines (see Senate, No. 1951);

Relative to the police department of the town of Spencer (see Senate, No. 2113);

Protecting consumers from the unauthorized switching of their local and long distance telecommunications service providers (see Senate, No. 2291, amended);

Relative to real estate tax exemptions for certain veterans who reside in the city of Newton (see House, No. 4544);

Relative to a certain payment in lieu of taxes in the town of Charlton (see House, No. 5596); and

Authorizing and directing the Massachusetts Highway Department to erect a memorial marker in the town of Bourne (see House, No. 5744).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Norton,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

On motion of Mr. Tisei, at eight minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M.