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Monday, October 26, 1998.

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

Report.

A report of the Office of Community Corrections, Administrative Office of the Trial Court (under the provisions of item 0330-0302 of Section 2 of Chapter 194 of the Acts of 1998) submitting a copy of the spending and management plan for said office (received Thursday, October 22, 1998),— was placed on file.

Communications.

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

A communication from Robert F. Stalnaker, Executive Director, Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission, submitting a copy of its 1997 annual report on the status of the Massachusetts Contributory Retirement Systems (received Friday, October 16, 1998); and

A communication from Senator Stephen F. Lynch in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 268A (received October 26, 1998).

Papers from the House.

The report of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority (under Section 12(i) of Chapter 81A of the General Laws as most recently amended by Section 6 of Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1997) submitting a copy of an interdepartmental services agreement between the Highway Department and said authority, dated August 12, 1998 (having been sent by the House to the Senate for its information),— **was returned to the House to be placed on file.**

Bills

Authorizing the city of Pittsfield to lease a certain parcel of commercial land (House, No. 5800, amended,— on House, No. 5795) [Local approval received on House, No. 5795]; and

Directing the Somerville Retirement Board to retire Sean J. Canty, a police officer of the city of Somerville (House, No. 5835,— on petition) [Local approval received];

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Committee Changes.

The President announced the resignation of Senator Knapik of Second Hampden and Hampshire as a member of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and the appointment of Senator Tarr of First Essex and Middlesex to fill the vacancy.

Papers from the House.
Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first 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:

Relative to the uniform transfer on death security registration act (see Senate, No. 747, changed and amended); and
Authorizing the town of Norwood to issue three additional licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 5725).

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill allowing certain structures to be exempted from certain harbor lines (see Senate, No. 1991, changed), 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 2 to 0.**
The bill was signed by the President and sent to the House for enactment.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Magnani) "congratulating Lou Merloni on the occasion of his being honored by the town of Framingham on Baseball Heritage Day — a tribute to Lou Merloni and family", were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Subsequently, Mr. Birmingham, 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 Ms. Melconian, and adopted.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Montigny and Ms. Fargo) "honoring Barbara Erban Weinstein", were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Subsequently, Mr. Birmingham, 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 Ms. Melconian, and adopted.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered, as follows:

The Senate Bill ensuring that the establishment of new area codes will not result in additional charges to consumers (Senate, No. 378, changed) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),— was read a third time.

An amendment, presented by Messrs. Morrissey and Shannon, substituting a new draft entitled "An Act protecting consumers against additional charges from new telephone area codes" (Senate, No. 2352),— was considered, and adopted.

The new draft (Senate, No. 2352) was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Ayer (House, No. 4596),— **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

The House Bill relative to the Groton Country Club Authority (House, No. 5157),— **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Committee Changes.

The President announced the resignation of Senator Tarr of First Essex and Middlesex as a member of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and the reappointment of Senator Knapik of Second Hampden and Hampshire thereto.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Melconian,—

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.

On motion of Mr. Tarr, at nine minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M.