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Thursday, May 21, 1998.
Met at two minutes past eleven o'clock A.M.

Petition.

Mr. Morrissey presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael W. Morrissey, Michael G. Bellotti, William R. Keating, Robert B. McCarthy, president, Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts, and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to enhanced emergency telephone systems,— **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Papers from the House

Bills

Relative to banking laws (House, No. 35, changed and amended,— on House, No. 19, in part);

Relative to nomination papers (House, No. 5074,— on petition); and

Designating a portion of state highway Route 20 in the town of Charlton as the JENS Memorial Highway (House, No. 5384,— on petition);

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Steering and Policy.

Committees of Conference.

The House Bill relative to environmental cleanup and promoting the redevelopment of contaminated property (House, No. 5299),— came from the House with the endorsement that the House had NON-concurred in the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2166), and had asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Representatives Petersen of Marblehead, Haley of Weymouth and Peterson of Grafton had been appointed the committee on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Norton, the Senate insisted on its amendment and concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference; and Senators Rosenberg, Durand and Amorello were appointed on the part of the Senate.

The bill was returned to the House endorsed accordingly.

The House Bill relative to the development and preservation of affordable housing (House, No. 5291, amended),— came from the House with the endorsement that the House had NON-concurred in the Senate amendments (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2155; and inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for the development and preservation of affordable housing, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."), and had asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Representatives Walrath of Stow, Richie of Boston and Rogeness of Long meadow had been appointed the committee on the part of the House.

On motion of Ms. Melconian, the Senate insisted on its amendments and concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference; and Senators Rosenberg, O'Brien and Tisei were appointed on the part of the Senate. The bill was returned to the House endorsed accordingly.

Committee Changes.

The President announced the resignation of Senator Jacques of Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex as a member of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and the appointment of Senator Murray of Plymouth and Barnstable to fill the vacancy.

Papers from the House.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5534) of John A. Hart, Jr., and Stephen F. Lynch (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the retirement board of the city of Boston be authorized to grant a disability retirement pension to William G. Suprey, a fire captain of said city injured in the line of duty;

To the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5535) of Raymond V. Mariano (mayor), Thomas R. Hoover (city manager), William J. McManus II and other members of the General Court (with the approval of the city council) relative to the reconveyance of certain park land on Skyline Drive in the Green Hill Park section of the city of Worcester from the Commonwealth to said city; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5536) of A. Stephen Tobin and Michael W. Morrissey relative to the disposition of certain state owned property under the control of the Water Resources Authority to the city of Quincy;

Severally, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration.

House Order Adopted.

The following House order (approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) was considered forthwith, and adopted, in concurrence, to wit:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on the Judiciary be granted until Tuesday, June 30, 1998 the time within which to make its final report on current House document numbered 5510.

Senate Order Adopted.

Mr. Tolman presented the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the joint committee on Taxation shall be granted until Monday, June 1, 1998 in which to make its final report on Senate documents numbered 2056, 2130, 2131, 2173, 2174 and 2193, and on House Bills numbered 5090, 5201, 5244, 5278, 5438, 5490, 5493, 5496, 5497 and 5509.

The order was considered forthwith; and, there being no objection, it was adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Report of a Committee.

Mr. Rosenberg, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 5114, reported, in part, a "Bill reducing unemployment insurance rates and providing for workforce retraining" (Senate, No. 2222).

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

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

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

The House Bill designating a certain bridge located in the town of Natick as the Veterans' Memorial Bridge (House, No. 5257),—**was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Berry) "congratulating Mitchell L. Afrow on the occasion of his retirement from the Peabody Public School System", 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. Brewer) "on the occasion of the rededication of the Spirit of the American Doughboy' statue in the town of Winchendon", 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. Creedon) "congratulating Mark E. Begley on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America", 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. Creedon) "congratulating Gregory Fox on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America", 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. Creedon) "congratulating Eric W. Hamlin on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America", 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. Creedon) "congratulating Michael Spike' Hirsch on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America", 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. Magnani) "congratulating Joseph Damigella, Jr., on receiving the Good Scout Award", 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. Magnani and Ms. Jacques) "congratulating Fair & Yeager Insurance Agency, Incorporated, on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary", 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. Pacheco) "honoring John G. Mather, Jr., of Halifax upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout", 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. Rosenberg) "honoring Albert and Agnes Warner on the rededication of the Pine Grove Cemetery in Belchertown", 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 Ms. Walsh and Mr. Joyce) "congratulating the Canton High School Math Teams for their many years of success", 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.

Committee Changes.

The President announced the resignation of Senator Murray of Plymouth and Barnstable as a member of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and the reappointment of Senator Jacques of Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex thereto.

Order Adopted.

Mr. Norton offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That, when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Tuesday next at one o'clock P.M.; and that, notwithstanding the provisions of any rule to the contrary, full consideration shall be allowed by the Senate on Tuesday, May 26 on the Senate Bill reducing unemployment insurance rates and providing for workforce training (Senate, No. 2222). All amendments, offered by members, shall be third reading amendments and shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate

no later than Friday, May 22, at three o'clock P.M.

The order was considered forthwith; and, there being no objection, it was adopted.

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