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Thursday, September 17, 1998.

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

Petitions.

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Hedlund, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert L. Hedlund for legislation relative to the placement of a non-binding question on the November 3, 1998 state ballot in the town of Weymouth; and

By Mr. Shannon, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Charles E. Shannon and Vincent P. Ciampa for legislation relative to the renewal of real estate brokers licenses;

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

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.

Bills

Providing early retirement benefits to water treatment plant operators at the water department of the city of Cambridge due to the closure of the treatment plant for renovation (House, No. 4626,— on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Relative to the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District (House, No. 5514,— on petition) [Local approval received];

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

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first two 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 reports of abuse of patients receiving home health care (see Senate, No. 1818, amended);

Relative to the investment of trust funds by the city of Worcester (see Senate, No. 2261); and

Authorizing the leasing and construction of improvements to the East Junior High School building in the city known as the town of Watertown (see House, No. 5728).

Report of Committees.

By Mr. Birmingham, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Marian Walsh for legislation relative to the State Board of Building Regulations and Standards. **Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Berry, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Government Regulations. Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Papers from the House.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5811) of Michael G. Bellotti relative to restricting sentence deductions for convicted sex offenders;

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Criminal Justice.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5812) of Michael G. Bellotti relative to the reporting of child abuse and neglect by correction officers;

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5813) of Michael G. Bellotti relative to the payment of child support orders by inmates in correctional institutions;

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5814) of Michael G. Bellotti relative to the reimbursement of medical expenses by persons incarcerated in county jails and houses of correction;

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Safety.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5815) of Michael G. Bellotti for legislation to establish a county substance abuse services fund from a portion of the Deed's Excise Fund within each county;

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

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Birmingham) "commemorating the observance of Performance Recognition Day", 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 Mr. Durand, and adopted.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Durand) "honoring Clifford Avey for his outstanding service to Saint Mary's Credit Union and to the greater Marlborough community", 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 Mr. Durand, and adopted.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Magnani) "commending the Framingham Heart Study on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary", 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 Mr. Durand, and adopted.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Murray) "congratulating the town of Plymouth on its celebration of Kids Day America/International", 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 Mr. Durand, and adopted.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Panagiotakos) "congratulating Alice G. Powell on the occasion of her 100th birthday", 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 Mr. Durand, and adopted.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

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

The House Bill exempting the position of sealer of weights and measures in the town of Hingham from the provisions of the civil service law (House, No. 5574),— **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

The House Bill authorizing the town of Billerica to refund certain taxes (House, No. 5644),— **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

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.

On motion of Ms. Melconian,—

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

On motion of Ms. Melconian, at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M.