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Tuesday, February 15, 2000.

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

Communication.

A communication was received from the President announcing that Senator Knapik of Hampden and Hampshire had been relieved, at his own request, from membership on the special commission (established pursuant to section 13 of chapter 163 of the Acts of 1999) relative to horse and dog racing in the Commonwealth and that Senator Hedlund of Plymouth and Norfolk had been appointed to said commission.

Report.

A report of the Blackstone River and Canal Commission submitting a copy of its report for the year 1999 (received Wednesday, February 15, 2000),— **was read and sent to the House for its information.**

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Antonioni, for the committee on Education, Arts and Humanities, on Senate, Nos. 250, 308 and 1997 and House, Nos. 2103, 2105, 2309, 3037, 3441, 3444, 4649, 4650 and 4799, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Education, Arts and Humanities to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of certain current Senate and House documents relative to various education matters (Senate, No. 2100);

Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The annual report of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (under Sections 21, 102 and 103 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) relative to the percentum change in the average cost-of-living as shown by the United States consumer price index for the year 1999 compared with such index for the year 1998 (House, No. 5014),— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5016) of James E. Vallee (with the approval of the town council) for legislation to establish an infrastructure and town property capital improvements fund in the city known as the town of Franklin,— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Local Affairs.**

Reports of a Committee.

Mr. Montigny, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported, in part, on House, No. 4877, a "Bill providing for an accelerated transportation development and improvement program for the Commonwealth" (Senate, No. 2098),— ought to pass [Estimated

cost — Total authorization: \$1,847,053,200; Estimated federal funds: \$526,440,000; State bond authorization: \$1,320,613,200].

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

By Mr. Montigny, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill providing for an accelerated transportation development and improvement program for the Commonwealth (House, No. 4865),— ought to pass, with amendments:

Striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2099;

Striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: “An Act providing for an accelerated transportation development and improvement program for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority”; and by 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 an accelerated transportation development and improvement program for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.” [Estimated cost — Total authorization: \$225,000,000].

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Travaglini, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading.

Order Adopted.

Mr. Travaglini offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at two o’clock P.M., and that full consideration shall be allowed by the Senate on the Senate Bill providing for an accelerated transportation development and improvement program for the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2098) and House Bill No. 4865, the so-called MBTA Bond Bill. All amendments to said bills will be considered third reading amendments and must be filed in the Senate Clerk’s Office no later than twelve o’clock noon on Wednesday, February 16.

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

On motion of Mr. Tarr, at seven minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Thursday at two o’clock P.M.
