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Thursday, March 2, 2000.

Met at two minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Melconian in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Communications.

A communication from the Attorney General (under the provisions of Section 42 of Chapter 206 of the Acts of 1998) submitting its study regarding the Massachusetts Brownfields Act (received Thursday, March 2, 2000),— **was placed on file.**

A communication from the Vermont Secretary of State transmitting resolutions adopted by the Vermont Legislature strongly urging President Clinton to take immediate action to alleviate the severe burden that the sudden sharp escalation in fuel prices has placed on Vermonters (received Thursday, March 2, 2000),— **was placed on file.**

Report.

A report of the Special Commission on School Violence (under the provisions of Section 352 of Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1999) submitting a report on school violence (Senate, No. 2118) (received Wednesday, March 1, 2000),— **was placed on file.**

Petitions.

Ms. Melconian presented a petition (subject to Joint Rules 9 and 12) of Linda J. Melconian, Stanley C. Rosenberg, Therese Murray, Stephen F. Lynch and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide for a statewide information and referral system utilizing an abbreviated dialing code,— **and the same was transmitted, under the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, to the Secretary of State.**

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Moore, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard T. Moore, Gale D. Candaras, Therese Murray, Robert S. Creedon, Jr., and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to establishing grants to public libraries for improvement of library service;

By Mr. Nuciforo, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr., and Christopher J. Hodgkins for legislation to provide emergency relief to the town of Great Barrington;

By Ms. Resor, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Pamela P. Resor and Cory Atkins (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the Acton-Boxborough regional school district construction and renovation [Local approval received];

By the same Senator, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Pamela P. Resor and Cory Atkins (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to local school construction and removal in the town of Acton [Local approval received]; and

By Mr. Tisei, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard R. Tisei for legislation relative to prohibiting the dissemination of obscene material via electronic transmission;

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

Committees Discharged.

Ms. Melconian, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document numbered 993, regarding environmental enforcement (Senate, No. 2106),— and recommending that the same be referred to the Senate committee on Rules.

Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were severally considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:—

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Creedon) “in honor of Abington’s Vietnam veterans”;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Jacques) “congratulating Michael Orlando on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America”;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Jacques) “congratulating Charles Polachi on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America”;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Jacques) “congratulating David Rouse on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Moore) “honoring the Bay Path High School Minutemen varsity football team on winning the 1999 Division 3A Championship”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “honoring Gregory A. Thompson upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tisei) “commending Paul J. Belliveau on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout”; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Walsh) “congratulating Brian Matthew Keaney on the occasion of his Court of Honor”.

Report of a Committee.

The following report was filed, the time within which the said committee was required to report having expired:—

Of the committee on Insurance, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2067) of Stephen M. Brewer, Robert A. Antonioni, Beth Emery Pond and Harold M. Lane, Jr., for legislation to mandate coverage for ectodermal dysplasia.

There being no objection, on motion of Mr. Tarr, the rules were suspended, and the matter was considered forthwith.

On further motion of the same Senator, the petition was recommitted to the committee on Insurance.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the House), 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 Acting President and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Relative to the charter of the town of Norton (see House, No. 4717); and

Providing for the appointment of a treasurer/collector in the town of Norton (see House, No. 4719).

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5040) of Viriato Manuel deMacedo, Therese Murray and Thomas J. O’Brien for legislation to authorize the Norfolk County Sheriff’s Office to establish a sick leave bank for Mary Ellen Mastrorilli, an employee of said office;

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5041) of Viriato Manuel deMacedo and other members of the House for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor establishing December third as Candle Safety Day;

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

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5039) of William Francis Galvin and Thomas M. Petrolati relative to making appropriations to fund certain collective bargaining agreements between the Secretary of the Commonwealth and certain

registries of deeds,— **came from the House referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the House committee on Ways and Means; and the Senate concurred in the suspension of said joint rule.**

Orders Adopted.

Mr. Morrissey offered the following order, to wit:—

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the joint committee on Government Regulations be granted until Wednesday, March 8, 2000, within which time to make its final report on Senate document numbered 1979, relative to Internet service providers.

Ms. Wilkerson offered the following order, to wit:—

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the joint committee on State Administration be granted until Thursday, March 16, 2000, in which to make its final report on Senate document numbered 2070, relative to the transfer of care, custody and control of a certain parcel of land located at the Wrentham Developmental Center to the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board and Senate document numbered 2071, relative to authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to release certain easements to O'Connell Oil Associates, Inc.

The orders were severally considered forthwith; and, there being no objection, the orders were severally adopted. Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,—

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 Mr. Tarr, at eight minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M.
