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Monday, April 26, 1999.

Met at four 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).

Communication.

A communication from the Boston Redevelopment Authority (under the provisions of Section 4(f) of Chapter 152 of the Acts of 1997) relative to certain notices to acquire certain land by eminent domain in conjunction with the development of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center; a copy having been transmitted to the Senate Chairman of the joint committee on Transportation (received Tuesday, March 30, 1999),— **was placed on file.**

Reports.

A report of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspection of the MCI-Norfolk in the town of Norfolk (received Wednesday, April 21, 1999),— **was read and sent to the House for its information.**

The following reports were severally read and placed on file:

A report of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy and the Energy Facilities Siting Board (under the provisions of Section 69I of Chapter 164 of the General Laws) submitting a report on the reliability and diversity of electric and natural gas systems in the Commonwealth (received Tuesday, March 30, 1999);

A report of the Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board (under the provisions of Section 18B(e) of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its 1998 annual report (received Monday, April 12, 1999);

A report of the Department of Education (under the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 15G of the General Laws) submitting a preliminary report on school breakfast universal and demonstration grants (received Monday, April 12, 1999); and

A report of Zoo New England (under the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 92B of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 1998/99 audit, annual report and detailed earned revenue from 1996-99 (received Wednesday, April 21, 1999).

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, on petition, a Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the needs of persons with agoraphobia and related disorders (Senate, No. 637); **Read and, under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, on petition, a Bill allowing forensic evaluations at certain facilities (Senate, No. 571);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing a public guardianship commission (Senate, No. 608);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to clubhouse projects in psychiatric rehabilitation (Senate, No. 620); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill providing equity in the distribution of funding in the Department of Mental Health (Senate, No. 621);

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Tolman, for the committee on Local Affairs, on petition, a Bill authorizing the Tri-County Regional Technical School District to transfer land to the town of Franklin (Senate, No. 943); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the leasing of certain property by the towns of Groveland, Merrimac and West Newbury (Senate, No. 957);

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

By Mr. Tolman, for the committee on Local Affairs, on petition, a Bill relative to the charter of Easthampton (Senate, No. 1317) [Local approval received];

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

By Mr. Jajuga, for the committee on Public Safety, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1107) of James P. Jajuga, Kevin L. Finnegan, Paul C. Casey and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to police pursuits;

Referred, under Senate Rule 36, to the committee on Steering and Policy.

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 Public Safety to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of Senate document numbered 1075, relative to designating school bus stops as school zones (Senate, No. 1765);

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Safety to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of Senate document numbered 1114, relative to school bus operator licenses (Senate, No. 1766); and

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Safety to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of Senate document numbered 1162, relative to the powers of special police officers (Senate, No. 1767);

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the Senate committee on Rules.

Under Senate Rule 36, the reports were severally considered forthwith and accepted.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4269) of Michael P. Cahill (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Beverly to exchange certain parcels of land located in said city with Holly L. Wyner, Trustee; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4270) of Patricia A. Walrath and Pamela P. Resor (by vote of the town) relative to the establishment of a sewer commission in the town of Shirley;

Severally to the committee on Local Affairs.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4271) of Robert S. Hargraves (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Groton to establish a land bank fund;

To the committee on Taxation.

A report of the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 809) of Bruce J. Ayers for legislation to establish uniform fees for registers of deeds, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Counties on the part of the House,— **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence, insomuch as relates to the discharge of the joint committee.**

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Christopher Tilden, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 1840,— on petition),— **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

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 Onset Fire District (see House, No. 2561); and

Authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to supply sewer services to a certain property in the town of Hingham (see House, No. 3897).

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Clancy) "on the occasion of the three hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of the town of Marblehead";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Morrissey) "in honor of Officer Robert Devin on the occasion of his retirement from the Braintree Police Department";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) "on the occasion of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mary and Edward Johnson"; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tolman and Ms. Fargo) "on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Waltham, Inc."

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A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4284) of Ronald Mariano, Michael W. Morrissey and A. Stephen Tobin that the city of Quincy be authorized to grant subsurface tunnel easements for the construction and maintenance of the Braintree-Weymouth Tunnel for the improvement of the metropolitan sewer system,— **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture.**

Report of Committees.

By Ms. Melconian, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Stephen F. Lynch and John A. Hart, Jr., for legislation to designate the Pleasure Bay lagoon in South Boston as the John E. Powers lagoon.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tolman, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Housing and Urban Development.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Petitions.

Mr. Tolman presented the following petitions (by request) and, on motion of Mr. Bernstein, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended and the petitions were referred, as follows:—

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Gurdon S. Buck for legislation to allow the owner of an apartment building to install a water meter on a solar water tank and charge the tenant for hot water drawn from said tank; and

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Gurdon S. Buck for legislation to allow the owner of a residential property to install all separate water meters to measure the flow of water to each individual dwelling unit;

Severally to the committee on Housing and Urban Development.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Murray,—

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. Knapik, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M.
