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Wednesday, September 29, 1999.

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

Reports.

The following reports were severally read and placed on file:

A report of the special commission established to make an investigation and study of low income housing in the city of Lowell (under the provisions of Chapter 257 of the Acts of 1998, as amended by Chapter 475 of the Acts of 1998) submitting a report of its findings (received Friday, April 16, 1999);

A report of the Executive Office of Administration and Finance (under the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 48 of the Acts of 1997) submitting a revised amortization schedule for the former Hampshire County (received Friday, September 24, 1999); and

A report of the Bureau of Special Investigations (under the provisions of Section 15D(6) of Chapter 22 of the General Laws) submitting a report of its activities for the month of August, 1999 (received Monday, September 27, 1999).

Petitions.

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Ms. Creem, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Barbara Grover, Cynthia S. Creem and Brian P. Golden for legislation relative to studying emergency aid to the elderly, disabled, and children;

By Mr. Glodis, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Guy W. Glodis and John J. Binienda for legislation relative to the termination of visitation rights;

By Mr. Moore, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard T. Moore, Therese Murray, Charles E. Shannon, Stephen M. Brewer and other members of the General Court for legislation to require adequate notice to Medicare patients by Massachusetts physicians; and

By Mr. Shannon, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Charles E. Shannon for legislation relative to telephone company fees for elevator emergency telephone use;

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

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, on petition, a Bill creating LEAP: Learning and Earning for Parents (Senate, No. 232); and

By Mr. Joyce, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill to restructure the Group Insurance Commission (Senate, No. 697);

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

By Mr. Bernstein, for the committee on Insurance, on petition, a Bill allowing for the sale of innovative insurance and financial

planning products (Senate No. 1996);

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

Mr. Brewer, for the committee on Steering and Policy, reported that the following matters be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The Senate Bill relative to the Whittier Regional School District Committee (Senate, No. 1218); and

The House bills

Relative to the construction and maintenance of the statewide Vietnam veterans memorial at Green Hill Park in the city of Worcester (House, No. 4481); and

Relative to dangerous dogs (House, No. 4750).

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 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 documents relative to educational matters (Senate, No. 1995),— and recommending that the same be referred to the Senate committee on Rules.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 4773) of Kevin G. Honan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the registration of bicycle messengers in the city of Boston;

To the committee on Public Safety.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 4774) of Kevin G. Honan and John H. Rogers (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the retirement board of the city of Boston be authorized to grant certain creditable service to Carol J. McCarthy of Norwood, a school teacher for said city; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 4775) of Peter J. Koutoujian, Ruth B. Balser, Rachel Kaprielian, Kay Khan, Cynthia S. Creem and another (with the approval of the mayor and board of aldermen) relative to the protection of accidental death benefits for surviving unmarried children of deceased fire fighters of the city of Newton;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

A Bill relative to the harbormaster, assistant harbormasters, shellfish warden and assistant shellfish wardens of the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 4449,— on petition) [Local approval received],— **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

A report of the committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3280) of Marie J. Parente and other members of the House relative to the licensure and regulation of au pair and nanny agencies by the Office of Child Care Services, and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Ways and Means,— **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence, inasmuch as relates to the discharge of the joint committee.**

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Creem, Mr. Glodis, Ms. Resor, Ms. Wilkerson, Ms. Tucker, Mr. Tolman, Mrs. Sprague, Ms. Jacques, Mr. Morrissey, Ms. Fargo and Messrs. Pacheco and Magnani) "honoring Susan D. Schur";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) "congratulating David Paulson of Taunton upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) "memorializing that the President of the United States and the U. S. Congress act boldly to secure that East Timor triumphantly transitions to independence by seeking the prompt ratification by the Indonesian National Assembly of the East Timorese's referendum vote, by freezing all U. S. aid until the people of East Timor are free from militia violence, her refugees have returned, and the Indonesian military terminates its support for the pro-Indonesian militias and has completely withdrawn from East Timor (Timor Loro Sae), and by leading the humanitarian effort to help the East Timorese people in their time of great need";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rauschenbach) "honoring Ahmed A. Mustafa for 38 years of dedicated service service to the Commonwealth";

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Sprague) "congratulating Judith Cohen on the occasion of her retirement"; and

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Sprague) "congratulating Tyler Marshall Leeds of Medfield upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout."

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Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill providing for the annual observance of October as Italian-American Heritage Month (see House, No. 4751, amended), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,— **was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted, in concurrence, by a vote of 3 to 0. The bill was signed by the President and sent to the House for enactment.**

Reports 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 Raymond V. Mariano, mayor, Thomas R. Hoover, city manager, Robert A. Bernstein and Guy W. Glodis (with the approval of the city council) for legislation relative to provisional employees in the city of Worcester [Local approval received].

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Ms. Murray, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service.

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 Richard T. Moore, David L. Flynn, Christine E. Canavan and Marc R. Pacheco for legislation to authorize the Massachusetts highway department to install certain signs regarding Bridgewater State College.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Ms. Murray, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation. Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 4783) of Paul E. Caron and other members of the General Court relative to the notification of employees in the event of termination of group health insurance coverage;

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4782) of Rachel Kaprielian (with the approval of the town council) for legislation to make certain changes in the charter of the city known as the town of Watertown;

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

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

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

The House bills

Authorizing the town of Dennis to establish a capital improvements fund (House No. 4415);

Relative to the charter of the town of Yarmouth (House, No. 4416); and

Relative to the conservation commission of the town of Weston (House, No. 4628);

Were severally read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of a Committee.

Mr. Brewer, for the committee on Steering and Policy, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House Bill relative to disclosure of information to the state police violent fugitive arrest squad (House, No. 130).

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Wilkerson, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Recess.

There being no objection, at eleven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the President declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at twenty-four minutes before five o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill making certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, prior to final action on the General Appropriation Bill for said fiscal year (printed in House, No 4768,— being a message from His Excellency the Governor),— **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Birmingham,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at one o'clock P.M.

On motion of Mr. Birmingham, at twenty-three minutes before five o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following day at one o'clock P.M.
