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Monday, January 10, 2000.

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

Committee Change.

Notice was received from the President that he had appointed Senator Menard of Bristol to the first position on the joint standing committee on Federal Financial Assistance. The membership of the committee is as follows: Senators Menard of Bristol, Panagiotakos of Middlesex, Murray of Plymouth and Barnstable, Creem of Middlesex and Norfolk, Tolman of Middlesex and Suffolk and Hedlund of Plymouth and Norfolk.

Distinguished Guests.

The President introduced the Austin Prep Football Team. The team is the Division VI Super Bowl Champions and was accompanied by Coach Bill Maradei and Assistant Coach Reggie Lanciani. They were the guests of Senator Birmingham.

Petitions.

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Shannon (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kevin Hall for legislation to reduce the psychotropic drugging of school children; and

By the same Senator, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Charles E. Shannon and Kevin Hall for legislation to require medical personnel to provide full disclosure to those parents whose child is prescribed psychotropic drugs;

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4954) of William J. McManus II, Harold P. Naughton, Jr., and Robert A. Bernstein (by vote of the town) that officers of the West Boylston Water District be elected by ballot at the annual town election of the town of West Boylston; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4955) of John F. Quinn and Mark C. Montigny (by vote of the town) relative to the election of selectmen in the town of Dartmouth;

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4946) of William C. Galvin, Walter F. Timilty, Brian A. Joyce and Bruce J. Ayers (by vote of the town) that the town of Randolph be authorized to establish a department of veteran's and elderly affairs revolving fund;

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4947) of Ellen Story and Stanley C. Rosenberg (by vote of the town) relative to extended health benefit coverage to domestic partners of employees of the town of Amherst and their dependents;

To the committee on Public Service.

Bills

Relative to the retirement of Francis Burns (House, No. 4146,— on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Authorizing the town of Winchester to grant certain licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4857,— on petition) [Local approval received];

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

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Birmingham) “commending the Montrose School in Natick upon earning national distinction for character education”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “honoring Jonathan Joubert of Dighton on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rauschenbach) “on the operation of Highland Links in the town of Truro”; and

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Sprague) “congratulating Andrew Urban of Rehoboth upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Jajuga, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority bond cap (Senate, No. 1056),— ought to pass, with an amendment, inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to increase the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority bond limit in order to avoid disruption of ongoing projects, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and convenience.”

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Melconian, 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, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the town of Shirley to release a certain conservation restriction (House, No. 4929,— on petition) [Local approval received],— was read.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Resor, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (all 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 President and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Establishing a special revenue fund for the town of Monson for the purpose of acquiring open space and recreation land (see House, No. 4148);

Authorizing the city of Westfield to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4794); and

Relative to the number of licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages in the city of Somerville (see House, No. 4885).

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4960) of Michael E. Festa and Richard R. Tisei relative to the Melrose Police Relief Corporation;

Under suspension of Joint Rules 12 and 9, to the committee on Insurance.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4961) of Maryanne Lewis, Dianne Wilkerson and Gloria L. Fox for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Robert White, an employee of the Boston Municipal Court;

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

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Morrissey,—

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.
