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Tuesday, January 18, 2000.

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

Distinguished Guests.

The President introduced, seated in the rear of the Chamber, Melissa Rothman, a student from the Hildreth Elementary School in Marlborough. Melissa was accompanied by her mother. Melissa and her mother were the guests of Senator Resor.

Communications.

A communication was received from the President announcing the appointment of Senators Morrissey of Norfolk and Plymouth, Travaglini of Suffolk and Middlesex, Pacheco of Plymouth and Bristol and Knapik of Hampden and Hampshire to the special commission (established under Section 13 of Chapter 163 of the Acts of 1999) relative to horse and dog racing in the Commonwealth.

A communication was received from Michael J. Sullivan, Director of the Office of Campaign and Political Finance, announcing the appointments of Stephen Long, Denise L. MacAloney, Jeffrey Milyo, Michael J. Widmer, George Pillsbury, Suzanne Petersson, Bradley S. Balzer and Karen L. Dorfman, to the special commission (established pursuant to Section 17 of Chapter 55A of the General Laws) relative to clean elections.

Notice was received that the Massachusetts Municipal Association had nominated Peter Torigian, Mayor of the city of Peabody, as its representative to the special commission established (pursuant to Section 333 of Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1999) to examine the funding and administration of the school building assistance program.

The communications were severally placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Antonioni, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert A. Antonioni and Robert S. Hargraves (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Townsend to establish an open space fund [Local approval received]; and

By Mrs. Sprague, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jo Ann Sprague, Louis L. Kafka and Steven Drobins for legislation to limit consumers' electric bill charges for the funding of energy efficiency activities;

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

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Lynch, for the committee on Commerce and Labor, on the recommitted petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1843), a Bill relative to the importation of tobacco products (Senate, No. 2061);

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

By Ms. Walsh, for the committee on Taxation, on petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Leominster to establish an open space fund (Senate, No. 1985) [Local approval received];

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

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 the sale of gas heating equipment (House, No. 3538).

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to the budget of the Up-Island Regional School District of Martha's Vineyard (House, No. 1160, changed and amended,— on petition),— **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

A Bill designating a certain exit ramp in the city of New Bedford as the Alvin Glaser Memorial Exit (House, No. 4966,— on House, No. 4347),— **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Steering and Policy.**

Bills

Relative to the Nantucket Historic District (House, No. 4047,— on petition) [Local approval received];

Relative to the charter of the town of Truro (House, No. 4321,— on petition) [Local approval received];

Relative to the charter of the town of Norton (House, No. 4717,— on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Authorizing the town of Scituate to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4872,— on petition) [Local approval received];

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

Notice was received that the Speaker had announced the following changes in joint standing committees:

That Representative Angelo of Saugus had been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Banks and Banking and that Representative St. Fleur of Boston had been appointed to the ninth position on said committee to fill the existing vacancy;

That Representative Verga of Gloucester had been appointed to the second position on the committee on Counties and that Representative Atkins of Concord had been appointed to the ninth position on said committee to fill the existing vacancies;

That Representative Mariano of Quincy had been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Criminal Justice and that Representative Linsky of Natick had been appointed to the ninth position on said committee to fill the existing vacancy;

That Representative Harkins of Needham had been appointed to the first position on the committee on Education, Arts and Humanities to fill the existing vacancy; that Representatives Garry of Dracut and Keenan of Southwick had been relieved of duty (at their own request) from said committee and that Representative Golden of Boston had been appointed to the eighth position and Representative St. Fleur of Boston to the ninth position on said committee to fill the existing vacancies;

That Representatives Binienda of Worcester and Broadhurst of Methuen had been relieved of duty (at their own request) from the committee on Election Laws and that Representative Keough of Springfield had been appointed to the seventh position and Representative Petruccelli of Boston had been appointed to the eighth position on said committee to fill the existing vacancies;

That Representative Golden of Boston had been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Housing and Urban Development and that Representative Petruccelli of Boston had been appointed to the ninth position on said committee to fill the existing vacancy;

That Representative Garry of Dracut had been relieved of duty (at her own request) from the committee on the Judiciary and that Representative Carron of Southbridge had been appointed to the ninth position on said committee to fill the existing vacancy; and

That Representative Linsky of Natick had been appointed to the ninth position on the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture to fill the existing vacancy.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Shannon) “honoring Frederick J. Cadigan”.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4967) of John J. Binienda and other members of the General Court relative to the filing of floor plans of unsafe buildings with municipal police chiefs and fire chiefs, — **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Safety.**

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:

Bills

Relative to the requirements for in-service physical fitness standards (House, No. 81); and

Relative to open-end mortgage loans (House, No. 4478);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The House Bill relative to the retirement of Francis Burns (House, No. 4146), **was 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 the maximum age requirement for initial appointment to the Department of State Police (House, No. 4878).

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

Senate Orders Adopted.

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

Ordered, That the joint committee on Education, Arts and Humanities be granted an extension order until February 23, 2000 to give further consideration to Senate documents numbered 208, 213, 217, 227, 231, 250, 261, 264, 267, 276, 288, 291, 299, 300, 308, 309, 311, 312, 1774, 1997 and 2063, and House documents numbered 417, 624, 765, 1347, 1349, 1719, 1721, 1912, 1918, 2102, 2103, 2105, 2309, 2491, 2492, 2667, 2678, 2865, 3037, 3239, 3240, 3241, 3440, 3441, 3444, 3629, 3815, 3981, 4649, 4650, 4799 and 4832, relative to special education, bilingual education, community service learning and miscellaneous education matters.

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

Ordered, That the joint committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture be granted an extension order until February 23, 2000 for Senate documents numbered 989, 993 and 1977, and House documents numbered 72, 105, 3122, 3130, 3728 and 4054, relative to environmental matters.

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

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 Robert A. Antonioni and Robert S. Hargraves (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to certain insurance coverage for a former employee of the town of Townsend [Local approval received].

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Melconian,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at twelve o'clock noon.

On motion of Mr. Tisei, at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Thursday at twelve o'clock noon.
