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Thursday, March 9, 2000.

Met at eight minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Melconian in the Chair).

Communication.

A communication from the Board of Higher Education (under the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 150E of the General Laws) submitting a copy of a request for an appropriation to fund a collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education and Local 1067 of Council 93 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (received Friday, March 3, 2000),— **was placed on file.**

Report.

A report of the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission (under the provisions of Section 38 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting a copy of its 1999 annual report on charitable gaming (received Wednesday, March 1, 2000),— **was 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, Emile J. Goguen and Brian Knuuttila for legislation relative to the retirement of Richard N. Bourgault;

By Mr. Bernstein, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert A. Bernstein, Harold P. Naughton, Jr., Stephen M. Brewer, William J. McManus II and other members of the General Court for legislation to amend the Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District relative to voting by members of the board to provide for weighted voting by board members from the city of Worcester, the buy-in costs for new members of the district; and

By Ms. Murray, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Therese Murray, Kathleen M. Teahan, Brian P. Lees, Henri S. Rauschenbach and other members of the General Court and Shannon P. O'Brien, Treasurer and Receiver General, for legislation relative to establishing the catastrophic illness in children relief fund;

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

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Morrissey, for the committee on Government Regulations, on petition, a Bill upholding reciprocal compensation contracts (Senate, No. 1979);

Read and, under Senate Rule 26A, referred to the Senate committee on Science and Technology.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to validating certain acts and proceedings of the town meeting in Groveland (House, No. 5046),— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Local Affairs.**

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5053) of Patricia A. Walrath and Pamela P. Resor (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Stow to release a conservation restriction on certain land located in said town;

To the committee on Local Affairs.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5054) of Anne M. Paulsen, Steven A. Tolman and David F. Gately (by vote of the town) that the town of Belmont be authorized to exempt the McLean Hospital Corporation from certain property taxation;

To the committee on Taxation.

A Bill relative to the use of the subdivision forfeiture account in the town of Billerica (House, No. 4484, changed,— on House, No. 4484 and the residue of House, No. 4642) [Local a approval received on House, No. 4484],— **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Notice was received from the House that the Speaker had announced that Representative Stanley of West Newbury had been relieved of duty (at her own request) from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendments of the House Bill providing for an accelerated transportation development and improvement program for the Commonwealth (House, No. 4865, amended); and that Representative Haley of Weymouth had been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Order Adopted.

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

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Service be granted until Wednesday, March 22, 2000, within which time to make its final report on Senate documents numbered 2039 and 2086.

The order was considered forthwith; and, there being no objection, the order was adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Order Adopted.

The following House order (approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence, to wit:—

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Service be granted until Friday, June 30, 2000, the time within which to make its final report on current House document numbered 4933.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Lees) “honoring the legacy of Mary Baker Eddy”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Moore) “on the retirement of Lucien A. Lizotte from the Blackstone Police Department”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Panagiotakos) “congratulating Eva Brown on the occasion of her retirement”.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Senate Order — Amended.

The Senate order granting the joint committee on Health Care until February 29, 2000, within which to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 489 and 499 and House document numbered 2516, came from the House, adopted, in concurrence, with an amendment, by striking out the date “February 29, 2000” and inserting in place thereof the date: “Wednesday, March 15, 2000”.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Knapik, and the amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5055) of Thomas J. O'Brien and other members of the General Court relative to medical insurance coverage for certain former Boston Edison Company employees;
Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Commerce and Labor.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5056) of Mark J. Carron and other members of the General Court relative to the issuance of bonds and notes by the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District;
Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Education, Arts and Humanities.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5057) of David T. Donnelly and John A. Stefanini for legislation to authorize nurse practitioners to make certain pronouncements of death;
Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Health Care.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5058) of Brian Paul Golden and other members of the House for legislation to provide assistance in the preservation and improvement of existing affordable housing in the Commonwealth;
Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Housing and Urban Development.

Reports 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 Richard R. Tisei for legislation relative to prohibiting the dissemination of obscene material via electronic transmission.

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

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 Henri S. Rauschenbach for legislation to allow family members to be employed as personal care attendants for eligible beneficiaries who receive personal care assistance under Medicaid in extraordinary circumstances.

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

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 Henri S. Rauschenbach, Therese Murray, Shirley Gomes, Eric Turkington and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to extending the records retention period for unsubstantiated elder abuse assessment reports.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tisei, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

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 Henri S. Rauschenbach, Brian P. Lees, Bruce E. Tarr, Therese Murray and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to further regulating custodial interference.

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

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 Henri S. Rauschenbach, Eric Turkington, Shirley Gomes, Therese Murray and Robert L. Hedlund for legislation to establish a coastal assessment, science and technology program.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tisei, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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 James P. Jajuga, Richard T. Moore, George N. Peterson, Jr., Robert A. Bernstein and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to providing a special retirement benefit to Marilyn Hanna.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tisei, 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 Ms. Melconian, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Carol Daniels Wilkins for legislation relative to teachers' retirement system members.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tisei, 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.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Knapik,—

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. Tisei, at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M.
