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Thursday, March 23, 2000.

Met at two 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).

Distinguished Guests.

The President introduced, seated in the gallery, the Roxbury Community College Tigers' Basketball team. The team is the 1999-2000 Division III National Champions. The team was accompanied by Roxbury Community College President, Dr. Grace Carolyn Brown, Coach Malcolm Wynn and former Olympian high jumper John Thomas, Athletic Director. Mr. Thomas signed the guest book and withdrew from the Chamber. They were the guests of Senator Wilkerson.

Reports.

The following reports were severally read and placed on file:

A report of MassDevelopment (under the provisions of Section 24(k) of Chapter 463 of 1998) submitting its annual report regarding the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund during the period of March 15, 1999 to March 15, 2000 (received Wednesday, March 15, 2000); and

A report of James J. Hartnett, Jr., Personnel Administrator, Human Resources Division, Executive Office for Administration and Finance (under the provisions of Section 25 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws) submitting a list of Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief and District Fire Chief eligible lists which were revoked effective March 1, 2000 (received Thursday, March 16, 2000).

The following reports were severally read and sent to the House for its information:

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 various facility inspections (received Monday, March 13, 2000); and

A report of the Bureau of Special Investigations (under the provisions of Section 15D(6) of Chapter 22 of the General Laws) submitting its report for the month of February, 2000 (received Thursday, March 16, 2000).

Petitions.

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Jajuga, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James P. Jajuga, Richard T. Moore, Colleen M. Garry, J. James Marzilli, Jr., and other members of the General Court for legislation to amend drunk driving penalties; and

By Mr. Panagiotakos, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven C. Panagiotakos and Thomas A. Golden, Jr., for legislation relative to the taxation of income for widows and widowers;

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

Mr. Brewer presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2146) of Stephen M. Brewer and David C. Bunker, Jr., for legislation to abolish the department of water of the town of Templeton under the jurisdiction of the selectmen of said town and to establish a water department under the jurisdiction of the Templeton municipal lighting plant [Local approval received],— **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Local Affairs.**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

A petition (having been transmitted to the Secretary of State under the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws and returned by him with memoranda relative thereto was referred, as follows, to wit:—

Petition (subject to Joint Rules 9 and 12) of Linda J. Melconian, Stanley C. Rosenberg, Therese Murray, Stephen F. Lynch and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide for a statewide information and referral system utilizing an abbreviated dialing code;

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

Subsequently, Ms. Melconian, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported, recommending that Joint Rules 9 and 12 be suspended.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Moore, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rules 9 and 12 were suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Government Regulations.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Creedon, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, Nos. 2111 and 2126, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on the Judiciary to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of Senate documents numbered 2111 and 2126 (Senate, No. 2145); and

By Mr. Joyce, for the committee on Public Service, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2039), an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Service to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of Senate document numbered 2039, relative to creditable service (Senate, No. 2144);

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Joyce, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill relative to certain insurance coverage for a former employee of the town of Townsend (Senate, No. 2086) [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 dangerous buildings (House, No. 4967).

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A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to regulating health maintenance organizations (House, No. 5070),— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Insurance.**

A Bill establishing the Upper Cape regional water supply cooperative (House, No. 4596, amended,— on House, No. 4300),— **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Creem) “congratulating Ray F. Shurtleff on his contributions to the Newton public schools”;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Creem and Ms. Jacques) “commending the Wellesley Cancer Prevention Project for their work to reduce cancer incidence and learn more about possible environmental causes of cancer”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Patti Canepa upon her retirement from the town of Bridgewater”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “honoring Michael S. Ippolito for his years of dedicated service to the town of Middleborough”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “honoring Peter A. G. Sechoka of Carver upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Wilkerson) “honoring the Roxbury Community College men’s basketball team”.

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Orders Adopted.

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

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Commerce and Labor be granted until Friday, April 7, 2000 the time within which to make its final report on current House document numbered 5055.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Local Affairs be granted until Friday, March 31, 2000 the time within which to make its final report on House document numbered 5026.

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 4746.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on State Administration be granted until Friday, April 28, 2000 the time within which to make its final report on House document numbered 4624.

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 Richard T. Moore, Stanley C. Rosenberg, Richard R. Tisei, John P. Fresolo and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to creating a managed care project for those seniors who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid benefits.

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

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 city of Lawrence to use certain park and playground land for school purposes (House, No. 4380); and Exempting the position of deputy police chief in the police department of the city of Lawrence from provisions of the civil service law (House, No. 4515);

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

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Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), 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 Montague Center Fire District in the town of Montague (see Senate, No. 2077); and

Authorizing the town of Scituate to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4872).

Petition.

On motion of Ms. Wilkerson, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended on the petition, presented by Ms. Wilkerson (accompanied by resolve) of Dianne Wilkerson that provision be made for a payment from the State Treasury to Edmund Narine to discharge a moral obligation of the Commonwealth,— **and the same was referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Sent to the House for concurrence in the suspension of the joint rule.**

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A Bill authorizing the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District to provide for certain costs (House, No. 5056,— on petition),— was read.

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

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5076) of Kathleen M. Teahan relative to the special commission on oral health;
Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Health Care.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5075) of Thomas M. Petrolati relative to the hiring of attorneys by county retirement boards;
Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5074) of Ruth W. Provost and other members of the General Court for legislation to authorize the Superintendent of State Office Buildings to install a plaque in the State House honoring the men and women of the United States Coast Guard;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5077) of Carol A. Donovan and other members of the General Court for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor establishing September 2 as World War II Commemoration Day; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5078) of John A. Stefanini, David P. Magnani, Barbara Gardner and Pamela P. Resor relative to a certain easement held by the Water Resources Authority in the town of Southborough;

Severally, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration.

A petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 5079) of Thomas M. Finneran relative to reviving and continuing certain special commissions and other related matters,— **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Wilkerson,—

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