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Tuesday, September 7, 1999.

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

Petitions.

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Ms. Creem, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cynthia S. Creem and Dawn Edell for legislation relative to the guaranty fund for home improvement contractors; and

By Mrs. Sprague, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Yuri Kraytsberg, Renata Kuchinsky, JoAnn Sprague and Louis L. Kafka for legislation relative to judicial conduct;

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

Committee Discharged.

Ms. Melconian, for the committee on Rules, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1635) of Ronny M. Sydney and other members of the General Court relative to authorizing the State Retirement Board to grant a pension to Arlenn Officer,— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Public Service.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to ceding concurrent jurisdiction to the United States over certain property located at the former Devens Army Base (House, No. 4728),— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.**

A Bill designating a certain Metropolitan District Commission playground as the Pat and Gabriel Farren playground (House, No. 4307,— on petition),— **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Steering and Policy.**

Bills

Relative to the form of representative town government in the town of North Attleborough (House, No. 424,— on petition [Local approval received];

Authorizing the town of Norfolk to incur debt for the purpose of removing overhead utilities, replacing with underground facilities, and authorizing a surcharge to do the same (House, No. 692,— on petition) [Local approval received];

Establishing the position of town administrator in the town of Manchester-by-the-Sea (House, No. 4138, amended,— on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Providing for the elimination of term limits in the town of Barnstable (House, No. 4232,— on petition [Local approval received];

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

A report of the committee on State Administration, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2046) of Pamela P. Resor and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect the natural and historic resources of the Commonwealth, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture,— **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

The Senate Bill authorizing the change of custody and use of certain land in the city of Worcester (Senate, No. 1794),— came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, *with amendments*:

Striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4510, amended in section 1, in line 15, by striking out the word "shall" and inserting in place thereof the word "may"; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act authorizing the change of custody and use of certain land held by the city of Worcester."

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Bernstein, and the House amendments were considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were severally considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:— Resolutions (filed by Mr. Bernstein) "upon the retirement of Richard Johnson"; and Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tisei) "on the occasion of the observance of the first annual Stoneham Pride Week".

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A Bill designating a certain section of State Highway Route 32A as the Chester E. Goodfield Memorial Highway (printed as Senate, No. 1663,— on petition),— was read.

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.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4731) of John P. Slattery relative to the zoning of land used in the growing and keeping of nursery stock,— **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Local Affairs.**

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 Linda J. Melconian, Richard T. Moore, Therese Murray, Susan C. Tucker and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to expedited installation of local residential telephone service for handicapped individuals.

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

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 Mary Jane Simmons (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to authorizing the city of Leominster to establish an open space fund [Local approval received].

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

By Ms. Melconian, for the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Stephen M. Brewer, Stephen Kulik and Calvin Layton for legislation to establish a grace period for the renewal of motor vehicle operators' learners' permits.

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

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Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill relative to directory assistance service (see Senate, No. 1959) (which originated in the Senate), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and was signed by the President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Melconian,—

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.

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