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Monday, November 6, 2000.

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

Communication.

A communication from Martin J. Benison, Comptroller, submitting the Commonwealth's Statutory Basis Financial Report (received Tuesday, October 31, 2000),— **was placed on file.**

Reports.

The following reports were severally read and placed on file:

A report of the Department of Correction (under the provisions of Section 16 of Chapter 123A of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of the Massachusetts treatment center for sexually dangerous persons (received Wednesday, November 1, 2000);

A report of the Sex Offender Registry Board (under the provisions of Section 17 of Chapter 74 of the Acts of 1999) submitting the cost incurred by said board (received Wednesday, November 1, 2000); and

A report of the Massachusetts Highway Department (under the provisions of Section 62 of Chapter 235 of the Acts of 2000) submitting its recycling and pollution prevention report (received Wednesday, November 1, 2000).

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 inspection of Bridgewater State Hospital (received Friday, November 3, 2000),— **was read and sent to the House for its information.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5475) of Nancy Flavin (by vote of the town) relative to the election of town meeting members in the town of South Hadley,— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.**

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marc Deschamps, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 5316), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,— **was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted, in concurrence, by a vote of 4 to 0. The bill was signed by the President and sent to the House for enactment.**

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 President and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Further defining the practice of mental health counseling (see Senate, No. 2166, printed as amended); and

Relative to the Melrose Police Relief Corporation (see House, No. 4960).

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Morrissey) “congratulating Anne Kane on being named the 2000 recipient of the Edythe B. Donkin Memorial Award.”

Petition.

On motion of Mr. Moore, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended on the petition, presented by Mr. Jajuga (accompanied by bill) of James P. Jajuga and Kevin L. Finnegan for legislation to designate the Salisbury Visitors Center as the Maria Miles Visitors Center,— **and the same was referred to the committee on Transportation.**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Order Adopted.

Mr. Joyce presented the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the joint committee on Public Service be granted until Friday, December 1, 2000, within which time to make its final report on Senate document numbered 2293.

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

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, December 1, 2000, the time within which to make its final report on current House document numbered 5007.

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 Bill further regulating certain real estate tax abatements (House, No. 5324, amended),— was read a second time.

Mr. Jajuga offered amendments, in section 1, by adding the following sentence:— “Acceptance of this clause by a city or town shall not increase its reimbursement by the commonwealth under this section.”; and in section 2, by adding the following sentence:— “Acceptance of this clause by a city or town shall not increase its reimbursement by the commonwealth under this section.”.

The amendments were adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendments, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:

“An Act further regulating certain real estate tax exemptions.”

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendments.

The House Bill relative to the sounding of certain warning devices in the town of Newbury (House, No. 5363, amended),— **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

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 a quarter past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M.