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Tuesday, November 9, 1999.

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

Petition.

Mr. Morrissey presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael W. Morrissey for legislation relative to requiring the retirement board to pay Marjorie Sheehan, widow of John W. Sheehan, certain retirement benefits,— and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Tisei, for the committee on Rules, to whom was referred the Senate Order relative to authorizing and directing the joint committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of various Senate documents relative to creditable service (Senate, No. 1878), reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1310) of Michael W. Morrissey and Joseph C. Sullivan for legislation to allow a city or town to grant retirement credit to veterans; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1313) of Timothy J. Toomey and Michael W. Morrissey for legislation to provide retirement credit for certain federal employment;

And recommending that the same severally be recommitted to the committee on Public Service.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to the disposition of state real property in Upton (House, No. 1267,— on petition),— was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills

Relative to the agency powers of banks to provide certain banking transactions and to share office locations (House, No. 14,— on House, No. 9, in part);

Relative to the rural cemetery in the city of Worcester (House, No. 3613,— on petition); and

Relative to open-end mortgage loans (House, No. 4478,— on Senate, No. 13 and House, No. 19);

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Steering and Policy.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4876) of Ruth W. Provost and Therese Murray (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Wareham to establish a land bank fund,— was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Taxation.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill validating the actions taken at an annual town meeting of the town of Blackstone (see House Bill, printed in House, No. 4572) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having voted in the affirmative, and it was signed by the President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were severally considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:—Resolutions (filed by Ms. Creem) "on the occasion of the second annual Russian-American Festival in the community of Brookline"; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rosenberg) "honoring men who gave their lives for our freedom".

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 Senate Bill to increase volunteer service (Senate, No. 1932).

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Travaglini, and the bill was read a second time. An amendment, presented by Mr. Joyce, inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:—
"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to exempt certain volunteer efforts from certain requirements for criminal offender record information, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.",— was considered; and it was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 1932, amended) was then ordered to a third reading.

Recess.

There being no objection, at nine minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the President declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at twenty-two minutes past three o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Melconian,-

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at one o'clock P.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

On motion of Mrs. Sprague, at twenty-four minutes past three o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following day at one o'clock P.M.