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Thursday, December 2, 1999.

Met at four 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).

Petitions.

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Nuciforo, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr., Shaun P. Kelly and Jack Keough for legislation to authorize the division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to release certain easements to O'Connell Oil Associates, Inc.; and

By Mr. Rosenberg, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Stanley C. Rosenberg and Stephen Kulik for legislation relative to the Montague Center Fire District in the town of Montague;

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

Reports of Committees.

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 the requirements for in-service physical fitness standards (House, No. 81).

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 Thomas F. Reilly, Attorney General, Robert A. Antonioni, Robert S. Hargraves, Peter J. Koutoujian and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to establishing the crime of communicating a terroristic threat.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Ms. Murray, 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.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill relative to the Dracut Water Supply District (see House, No. 4833, changed and amended) (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 and was signed by the Acting President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

A petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 4923) of Barbara Gardner, Peter J. Koutoujian and Susan C. Tucker for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to establishing a state plan to reduce the incidence of self-harm and suicide,— was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Health Care.

Recess.

There being no objection, at nine minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Ms. Melconian) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate reassembled, Ms. Melconian in the Chair.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Emergency Preamble Adopted; Engrossed Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill relative to funding of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (see House, No. 4892, amended), 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 2 to 0. The bill was signed by the Acting President and sent to the House for enactment.

Subsequently, the bill, which originated in the House, came from the House with the endorsement that it had been enacted in that branch.

The Senate then passed the bill to be enacted; and it was signed by the Acting President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,—

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. Tarr, at one minute past twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M.