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Monday, December 4, 2000.

Met at three 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).

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Moore, for the committee on Health Care, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2313) of James P. Jajuga, Harriett L. Stanley and Brian S. Dempsey (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Haverhill to pay or provide for certain costs related to the operations, sale, transfer, or closure of Haverhill Municipal Hospital,— and recommending that the same be referred to the Senate committee on Ways and Means.

**Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.
Sent to the House for concurrence in the discharge of the joint committee.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Bills

Establishing the Mashpee economic development and industrial corporation (House, No. 4985, amended,— on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Edward J. Doyle, an employee of the Department of Social Services (House, No. 5468,— on petition);

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

A Bill authorizing employment contracts for fire chiefs (House, No. 2211,— on petition),— **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Steering and Policy.**

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5501) of Charles A. Murphy and Robert A. Havern (by vote of the town) relative to town meetings in the town of Burlington,— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Local Affairs.**

Notice was received from the House that the Minority Leader had announced the following appointments to joint special commissions and committees, effective November 28:

That Representative Pope of Wayland had been appointed to serve on the joint special commission established (under Section 469 of Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000) to make an investigation and study of the utilization and licensing of complementary and alternative medical practitioners in the Commonwealth;

That Representative Marini of Hanson had been appointed to serve on the joint special commission established (under Section 470 of Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000) to make an investigation and study of examining mechanisms for recruiting and training principals in the public schools of the Commonwealth;

That Representative deMacedo of Plymouth had been appointed to serve on the joint special commission established (under Section 480 of Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000) to make an investigation and study of the provisions of end of life care services;

That Representative Rogeness of Longmeadow had been appointed to serve on the joint special commission established (under Section 481 of Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000) to make an investigation and study of evaluating the regulatory and licensure requirements of state funded human services and social services programs; and

That Representative Cresta of Wakefield had been appointed to serve on the joint special commission established (under Section 483 of Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000) to make an investigation and study of the effect that the coverage provided by individual insurance policies has on the increased costs of special education programs.

That Representative Hahn of Westfield had been appointed to serve on the joint special committee authorized (under the provisions of Section 21 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2000) to make an investigation and study of the implementation of nongroup health insurance reforms; and

That Representative Lepper of Attleboro had been appointed to serve on the joint special committee authorized (under the provisions of Section 32 of Chapter 141 of the Acts of 2000) to make an investigation and study of establishing a system of consolidated health care financing.

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:

Providing that the title of executive secretary be changed to town administrator for the town of Acushnet (see Senate, No. 2037); and

Authorizing the town of Millbury to issue two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 5291).

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 Local Affairs be granted until Friday, December 15, 2000 the time within which to make its final report on Senate documents numbered 2301 and 2312, relative to the establishment of a special fund in Milton and the acceptance of certain streets in Tewksbury.

Engrossed Bill Returned to House by Governor with

Recommendation of Amendment.

The engrossed Bill establishing the Upper Cape regional water supply cooperative (see House, No. 4596, amended),— having been returned to the House by His Excellency the Governor, in accordance with the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, with recommendation of amendment (for message, see House, No. 5460),— came from the House, amended as follows:

In section 2 (as printed) by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: “Such acceptance shall be, in the case of the town of Falmouth, by ballot vote at an annual or special town election and, in the case of the Mashpee Water District, the Sandwich Water District or the Bourne Water District, by a vote of its inhabitants at an annual or special ballot election.”

The message of His Excellency the Governor was read.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Moore, and the matter was considered forthwith.

The Chair (Ms. Melconian) stated that inasmuch as, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was “before the General Court subject to amendment and re-enactment”, the bill was before the Senate subject to

amendment.

On motion of Mr. Moore, the Senate concurred in the adoption of the House amendment.

A Bill authorizing the town of Bedford to establish a post retirement insurance liability fund (House, No. 5007,— on petition) [Local approval received],— 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.

A Bill relative to sewer betterment assessment (printed as Senate, No. 2139,— on petition) [Local approval received],— was read.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Moore, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: “An Act relative to sewer betterment assessments in the town of Acton.”.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Creem) “congratulating Josephine McNeil”;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Melconian) “honoring Meiling Hazelton”;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Melconian and Ms. Creem) “honoring Marlyn McGrath Lewis”;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Melconian and Ms. Walsh) “honoring Beth I. Boland”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “honoring James F. Moran on the occasion of his retirement as Chief of Police in the town of Mattapoisett”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Travaglini) “congratulating Roger Saunders on being honored by the Massachusetts Lodging Association”; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Tucker) “congratulating Cadet Captain Victoria Britton, CAP.”

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Moore,—

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 nine minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Thursday at eleven o’clock A.M.
