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Thursday, February 15, 2001.

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

Distinguished Guests.

The President introduced, seated in the rear of the Chamber, Mary and Carmine Capuano from Springfield. They were the guests of Senator Melconian.

Communication.

A communication from the Joint Committee on Local Affairs, filed pursuant to Joint Rule 1, relative to the rules of procedure for said committee for the 2001-2002 legislative session (received February 15, 2001),—was placed on file.

Petition.

Mr. Berry presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Frederick E. Berry and John P. Slattery (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation authorizing the city of Peabody to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises [Local approval received],—and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Morrissey, for the committee on Government Regulations, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 408) of Michael W. Morrissey for legislation to increase certain local fees for certain licenses and certificates and to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted. Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The bi-monthly report of the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (under the provisions of Section 178 of Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1989) submitting an account of the costs incurred in connection with the depression of the Central

Artery and construction of the Ted Williams Tunnel (having been sent by the House to the Senate for its information),—was returned to the House to be placed on file.

A Bill relative to the board of selectmen of the town of Reading (House, No. 3999,—being a message from His Excellency the Governor),—was read.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tisei, 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 making special provisions for an election to fill a vacancy in the board of selectmen of the town of Reading."

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Chandler) "honoring Helen Harding on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday and for many years of public service to the community of Holden"; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Jacques) "congratulating Pamela Fernandes on winning a gold medal at the 2000 International Paralympics."

Recess.

There being no objection, at seven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the President declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at half past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE. Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill making special provisions for an election to fill a vacancy in the Board of Selectmen of the town of Reading (see House Bill, printed in House, No. 3999) (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.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Rosenberg,-

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

On motion of Mr. Tisei, at twenty-eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M.