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Thursday, April 5, 2001.

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

Reports.

The following reports were severally read and placed on file:

A report of the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (under the provisions of Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting the annual report for fiscal year 2000 (received Tuesday, March 27, 2001);

A report of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (under the provisions of Section 151 of Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1999) submitting its net operating investment per passenger mile ratio for fiscal years 1999 through 2003 (received Monday, April 2, 2001); and

A report of the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission (under the provisions of Section 38 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting its charitable gaming 2000 report (received Monday, April 2, 2001).

The following reports were severally read and sent to the House for its information:

A report of the Bureau of Special Investigations (under the provisions of Section 11(8) of Chapter 14 of the General Laws) submitting its report for the month of February, 2001 (received Wednesday, March 21, 2001);

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 the North Central Correctional Institution (received Thursday, March 22, 2001);

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 the Bay State Correctional Center (received Thursday, March 22, 2001);

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 the Essex County Correctional Alternative Center (received Thursday, March 22, 2001); and

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 the Plymouth County Correctional Facility (received Tuesday, April 3, 2001).

Petitions.

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Brewer, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Stephen M. Brewer and Harold P. Naughton, Jr., for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of Hardwick as the Stanley J. Nurek Bridge; and

By the same Senator, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Stephen M. Brewer, Stephen Kulik and John F. Merrigan (by vote of the towns) for legislation to provide for recall election for the Athol-Royalston regional school district [Local approved received];
Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Lynch, for the committee on Commerce and Labor, on petition, a Bill amending the Uniform Commercial Code covering provisions dealing with secured transactions (Senate, No. 86); and

By Mr. Tolman, for the committee on Local Affairs, on petition, a Bill relative to the establishment of midnight basketball programs (Senate, No. 1016);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill requiring that cities, towns and certain state agencies accepting the transfer of certain police officers compensate the city or town from which the police officers have transferred (Senate, No. 1024);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing a program of assistance for cities and towns for the improvement of services to the youth of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 1025); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to elected municipal officials (Senate, No. 1042);
Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Tolman, for the committee on Local Affairs, on petition, a Bill establishing the boundary line between the town of Southborough and the town of Westborough (Senate, No. 1834) [Local approval received];
Read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

By Mr. Morrissey, for the committee on Government Regulations, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 397), an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Government Regulations to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document numbered 397, relative to gas companies' contracts (Senate, No. 1838);
Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Mr. Brewer, for the committee on Steering and Policy, reported that the following matters be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The Senate bills

Relative to licensed veterans organizations (Senate, No. 417);

Relative to certain fees charged by telephone companies (Senate, No. 444);

To include a call/volunteer firefighter on the Fire Service Commission (Senate, No. 1155);

To include call/volunteer firefighters on the Massachusetts Fire Training Council (Senate, No. 1156);

Punishing the failure to report a fire (Senate, No. 1157);

Relative to inspecting and securing unsafe or abandoned buildings (Senate, No. 1259);

Designating the intersection of Southern Artery and Washington Street in Quincy as the William P. Draicchio intersection (Senate, No. 1777, changed); and

Relative to electronic communication with shareholders (Senate, No. 1792, changed).

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Communication.

Notice was received that the House Minority Leader had announced the following appointments to joint committees, effective March 26:

That Representative Hahn of Westfield had been appointed to the eleventh position on the committee on Election Laws to fill the existing vacancy;

That Representative Loscocco of Holliston had been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Government Regulations, and that Representative Hill of Ipswich had been appointed to the eleventh position to fill the existing vacancy;

That Representative Loscocco of Holliston had been appointed to the eleventh position on the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture to fill the existing vacancy; and

That Representative Hillman of Sturbridge had been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Public Safety, and Representative Coppola of Foxborough had been appointed to the eleventh position on said committee to fill the existing vacancy.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to elections for town meeting members in Milford (House, No. 4069),— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.**

A report of the committee on Commerce and Labor, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 104) of Michael W. Morrissey for legislation relative to limitations on total obligations of one borrower to stock corporation or thrift institution, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Banks and Banking,— **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brewer) “congratulating Mary A. Salzmann on her many accomplishments and contributions”; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Chandler and Mr. Glodis) “on the retirement of John R. Ford.”

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Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Warren to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 260) (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 President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Petitions.

On motion of Ms. Murray, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended on the petition, presented by Mr. Creedon (accompanied by bill) of Robert S. Creedon, Jr., Michael W. Morrissey and Robert J. Nyman for legislation relative to local tax exemptions,— **and the same was referred to the committee on Taxation.**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

On motion of Ms. Murray, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended on the petition, presented by Mr. Creedon (accompanied by bill) of Robert S. Creedon, Jr., Brian A. Joyce, Geraldine Creedon, Christine E. Canavan and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the water supply of the city of Brockton,— **and the same was referred to the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture.**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Report of Committees.

By Ms. Menard, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 7B be suspended on the Senate petition of Michael R. Knapik (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to designate Robert L. Pais, a police officer in the city of Westfield, as permanently disabled [Local approval received].
Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tolman, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 7B was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1837) was referred to the committee on Public Service.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

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Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4076) of Shirley Gomes and Robert O'Leary (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Truro to convey certain conservation land located in said town to Albert R. Silva and Nancy B. Silva;
Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Local Affairs.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4077) of Thomas N. George and other members of the General Court for legislation to authorize the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to issue distinctive motor vehicle plates to the Massachusetts Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons;
Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Safety.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Murray,—

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. Hedlund, at six minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M.
