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Monday, May 12, 2003.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Rosenberg in the Chair).

The Senator from Bristol and Norfolk, Mrs. Sprague, then led the Chair (Mr. Rosenberg), members, guests and employees in the recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Natasha Searcy, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 3818,— on petition),— **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3848) of Viriato Manuel deMacedo, Thomas J. O'Brien and Therese Murray (by vote of the town) relative to the health insurance of active and retired employees of the town of Plymouth,— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hart) "recognizing National Emergency Medical Services Week";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Knapik) "honoring Stella Sleboda as the 2003 recipient of the William Lizak Humanitarian Award";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Knapik) "honoring Father Raphael Zwolenkiewicz as the 2003 recipient of the Outstanding Polish Heritage Citizen Award";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Magnani) "commemorating the occasion of the tercentennial celebration of St. Petersburg, Russia";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McGee) "congratulating Diane J. Flynn";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Morrissey) "recognizing Reverend Alicia Corea";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) "congratulating Charles and Theresa Mendes on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Panagiotakos) "honoring New England Women Business Owners on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary"; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Shannon) “congratulating Marie T. Rizzo on the occasion of her retirement from the Medford Public Schools.”

Recess.

There being no objection, at twenty-four minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Rosenberg) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at fourteen minutes before one o’clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Rosenberg in the Chair.

Orders Adopted.

Mr. Moore presented the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That the Senate hereby calls for a joint session of the two Houses, conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXXXI) of the Amendments to the Constitution, to consider a proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to increase the term of office for the General Court from two to four years (see Senate, No. 352) with reference to which the committee Election Laws has reported recommending said amendment ought NOT to pass.

The order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Mr. Moore presented the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That the Senate hereby calls for a joint session of the two Houses, conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXXXI) of the Amendments to the Constitution, to consider a proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to emergency appointments of elected officials (see Senate, No. 355) with reference to which the committee on Election Laws has reported recommending said amendment ought NOT to pass.

The order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Mr. Knapik offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That the Senate hereby calls for a joint session of the two Houses, conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXXXI) of the Amendments to the Constitution, to consider a proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution promoting the representative character of ballot questions (see Senate, No. 362) with reference to which the committee on Election Laws has reported recommending said amendment ought NOT to pass (Senator Nuciforo dissenting).

The order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Mr. Knapik offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That the Senate hereby calls for a joint session of the two Houses, conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXXXI) of the Amendments to the Constitution, to consider a proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the election of judges (see Senate, No. 1065) having been reported ought NOT to pass from the committee on the Judiciary (under Joint Rule 23), the time within which the committee was required to report having expired.

The order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Messrs. Joyce and Hedlund presented the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That the Senate hereby calls for a joint session of the two Houses, conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXXXI) of the Amendments to the Constitution, to consider a proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to abolish the Governor’s Council (see Senate, No. 1984) having been reported ought NOT to pass from the committee on the Judiciary (under Joint Rule 23), the time within which the committee was required to report having expired.]

The order was considered forthwith and adopted.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

The following House Order was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence, to wit:—

Ordered, That, conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII(48) (as amended by Article LXXXI)(81) of the Amendments to the Constitution, a joint session of the two Houses be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2003, at two o’clock P.M., for the purpose of considering proposals for amendments to the Constitution. .

Insofar as applicable, the special rules of procedure, in effect in the preceding General Court shall govern said joint session, and any further joint sessions called for the purpose of considering amendments to the Constitution.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Knapik,—

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.

Adjournment in Memory of Edward J. Silvia, Sr.

The Senator from Plymouth and Bristol, Mr. Pacheco, presented a request that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in the memory of Edward J. Silvia, Sr., of Taunton. Edward Silvia was a Taunton fire fighter for 34 years and served the city with distinction throughout his tenure in the department. He is survived by his wife Wilfreda and 5 children, among them the wife of Senator Pacheco.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Edward J. Silvia, Sr., at ten minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Knapik, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.