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Monday, July 28, 2003.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Walsh in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

The Senator from Franklin and Hampshire, Mr. Rosenberg, led the Chair (Ms. Walsh), members, guests and employees in the recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Nuciforo, for the committee on Banks and Banking, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 7), an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Banks and Banking to make an investigation and study of Senate document numbered 7, relative to insurance sales by credit unions (Senate, No. 2046);

Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Hart, for the committee on Commerce and Labor, on petition, a Bill relative to a special commission to develop 401(K) plans for small businesses (Senate, No. 54);

Read and, under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Hart, for the committee on Commerce and Labor, on petition, a Bill providing for legislative review of consumer protection regulations (Senate, No. 45);

Read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Hart, for the committee on Commerce and Labor, on petition, a Bill to clarify employer sanctions for improper expenditure of withholdings or deductions from wages (Senate, No. 98); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to negative option mailings (Senate, No. 113);
Severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Steering and Policy.

Papers from the House.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for John Nourse, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 3822,— on petition),— **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

A report of the committee on Commerce and Labor, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3629) of Patricia D. Jehlen, other members of the General Court and another relative to wages and benefits of part-time public employment by employees of temporary agencies and contractors, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Service,— **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

A report of the committee on State Administration, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3701) of Peter V. Kocot relative to the preservation and redevelopment of existing buildings at the former Northampton State Hospital, and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Ways and Means,— **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence, inasmuch as relates to the discharge of the joint committee.**

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Joseph and Anne Medeiros on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “on the retirement of Arthur Travers”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rosenberg) “on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst School of Nursing”; and

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Sprague) “on the unveiling of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Stamp in the city of Boston.”

Order Adopted.

Mr. Brewer offered the following order:—

Ordered, that Senate Rule 12 be amended by striking out the following:—

A committee on Counties;

To consist of six members; and inserting in place thereof the following:

A committee on Administration;

To consist of five members;

By striking out Rule 12D and inserting in place thereof the following:

12D. The President of the Senate, the Majority leader and the Minority leader shall review applications for each member’s staff and committee operating requirements and allocate office space.

By inserting after Rule 12D the following:—

12E. The Senate Committee on Administration shall consist of the President of the Senate, the Majority leader, the President *pro tempore*, who shall serve as the Chairperson, the Chairperson of the Senate committee on Ways and Means and the Minority leader. The committee shall review the operating requirements of the Senate.

The order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Petition.

On motion of Ms. Fargo, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended on the petition, presented by Mr. Pacheco, (accompanied by bill) of Marc R. Pacheco, Steven A. Tolman and Thomas J. O’Brien for legislation to protect the unemployment insurance safety net,— **and the same was referred to the committee on Commerce and Labor. Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Brewer, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Guy W. Glodis for legislation to direct the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land in the towns of Hopkinton and Westborough.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Ms. Resor, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration.

By Mr. Brewer, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Michael W. Morrissey, Brian A. Joyce and Joseph R. Driscoll for legislation to authorize the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land to Thayer Academy in Braintree.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Ms. Resor, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was

suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration. Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Papers from the House.

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 all matters pending before the former committee on Local Affairs and the former committee on Counties shall be considered to be under the jurisdiction of the committee on Local Affairs and Regional Government.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill placing the fire department of the town of Dracut under the civil service law (see House, No. 3903) (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.**

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.

On motion of Mr. Rosenberg, at five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M.