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Monday, May 24, 2004.

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

The Chair (Ms. Wilkerson), members, guests and employees then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Ms. Wilkerson) handed the gavel to Ms. Chandler who introduced the 5th grade class from the Proctor Elementary School in Northborough.

Petition.

Ms. Wilkerson in the Chair, Ms. Chandler presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2347) of Michael V. O'Brien, Acting City Manager, Timothy P. Murray, Mayor, Harriette L. Chandler, Robert Spellane, John J. Binienda and John P. Fresolo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to protect the Nashua River Basin [Local approval received],— **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Local Affairs and Regional Government. Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Hart, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John A. Hart, Jr. for legislation relative to consumer protections, damage claims under \$5000;

By the same Senator, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John A. Hart, Jr. for legislation relative to consumer protections, damage claims under \$1000;

By the same Senator, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John A. Hart, Jr. for legislation relative to consumer protections, billing accuracy claims; and

By Ms. Menard, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joan M. Menard for legislation relative to the Department of Mental Retardation;

Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill further regulating the Department of Revenue (House, No. 4744, printed as amended on House, No. 4485, in part),— **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Barrios, Antonioni and Baddour, Ms. Chandler, Ms. Creem, Ms. Fargo, Messrs. Hart, Joyce, Lees, Magnani and McGee, Ms. Melconian, Messrs. Montigny and Moore, Ms. Murray, Messrs. Nuciforo, O’Leary and Pacheco, Ms. Resor, Mr. Shannon, Mrs. Sprague, Mr. Tisei, Ms. Tucker, Ms. Walsh and Ms. Wilkerson) “honoring Stephen E. Collins”;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Chandler) “on the one hundredth anniversary of the Boylston Public Library Building”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Joyce) “honoring Bella G. Adler”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Joyce and Ms. Walsh) “congratulating Allen Michael Blackburn Costa of Westwood upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Menard) “opposing the siting of a natural gas facility in the city of Fall River”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “on the occasion of the one hundred and second birthday of Barlena Hagen.”

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill providing for uniform regulatory standards for certain insurance companies (see House, No. 2823, amended), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,— was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 4 to 0.

The bill was signed by the Acting President and sent to the House for enactment.

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered, as follows:

The House Bill relative to the boundary line between the towns of Groton and Pepperell (House, No. 4334),— **was ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill relative to the definition of a veteran (see Senate, No. 822, amended) (which originated in the Senate), **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.**

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following House Order (approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

Ordered, That notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Election Laws be granted until Wednesday, May 5, 2004 the time within which to report on Senate documents numbered 341, 347 and 363 and House documents numbered 335, 882, 1264, 1265, 2229, 2588, 2946 and 3854.

Pending the question on adoption of the order, Mr. Joyce presented an amendment striking out the words “Wednesday, May 5, 2004” and inserting in place thereof the words “Friday, May 28, 2004”.

The amendment was adopted.

The order, as amended, was then adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Moore,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Wednesday 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 eleven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.