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Tuesday, September 2, 2003.

Met at three minutes past 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 Suffolk and Middlesex, Mr. Tolman, led the Chair (Ms. Walsh), members, guests and employees in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Petitions.

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Lees, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian P. Lees for legislation relative to home education; and

By Mr. Moore, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John W. Seaver, Richard T. Moore and Marie J. Parente for legislation relative to installing Internet filters in public libraries;

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

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to establishing a distinctive registration plate (Senate, No. 2006),—ought to pass, with an amendment, inserting after the word "Teams", in line 10, the following words:— "; the Old Colony for the purpose of restoring the Forefathers' monument"; and by striking out, in lines 15 and 16, the words:— "Basketball League; and Mini-Fenway Park, Inc. for the purpose of furthering youth participation in baseball" and inserting in place thereof the following words "Baseball League; and Mini-Fenway Park, Inc.".

Referred, under Senate Rule 26, to the committee on Steering and Policy.

By Ms Melconian, for the Senate committee on Science and Technology, on Senate, Nos. 1915 and 1920, a Bill relative to electronic signatures (Senate, No. 2076);

Read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Steering and Policy.

By Ms. Fargo, for the committee on Local Affairs and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Southwick to grant an easement to Carol K. Collins (Senate, No. 1940) [Local approval received]; and

By Ms. Wilkerson, for the committee on State Administration, on petition, a Bill relative to certain school construction projects in the town of Milton (Senate, No. 1974, changed in Section 1, in line 14, by striking out the following: "School," and inserting in place thereof the words "School and"; and in line 14 by striking out the words "and the Tucker School") [Local approval

received];

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Sprague) "congratulating the Mansfield 14-year old Junior League All-Star baseball team."

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ceylin Guillermo, an employee of the Department of Social Services (House, No. 3823),—ought to pass.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Knapik, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Emergency Preambles Adopted; Engrossed Bills Enacted.

An engrossed Bill declaring September 11 Unity Day (see Senate, No. 1636, 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 3 to 0.

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

Subsequently, the bill, which originated in the Senate, came from the House with the endorsement that it had been enacted in that branch.

The Senate then passed the bill to be enacted; and it was signed by the Acting President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the merger of Moby Dick Council, Inc. and the Boy Scouts of America into the Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America (see Senate, No. 1993, 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 3 to 0.

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Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tolman,—

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. Knapik, at nineteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M.