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Tuesday, May 27, 2008.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Petrucci 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 (Mr. Petrucci), members, guests and employees then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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 validating a certain election in the town of Medway (House, No. 4545),— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.**

Bills

Protecting military service members (House, No. 4508,— on petition);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Samuel Pill, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 4722,— on petition); and

Relative to patient safety (House, No. 4783,— on Senate, Nos. 1244, 1245, 1261, 1326 and House, Nos. 2059, 2060, 2074 and 2140);

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4757) of William N. Brownsberger (by vote of the town) that the town of Belmont be authorized to place a question on a town election ballot relative to granting a club license to VFW Post 1272;

To the committee on Election Laws.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4758) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., Susan C. Fargo and others relative to affordable housing in the town of Chelmsford;

Under suspension of Joint Rule 7B, to the committee on Housing.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4759) of Thomas P. Conroy and Scott P. Brown (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Wayland to establish a department of public works;

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4760) of Thomas P. Conroy and Susan C. Fargo (by vote of the town) that the

board of selectmen of the town of Lincoln be authorized to appoint alternate members to the historical commission of said town;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4761) of Brian S. Dempsey (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the

city of Haverhill be authorized to borrow a certain sum of money for the purchase of text books for the school department;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4762) of Stephen Stat Smith (with the approval of the mayor and board of aldermen)

relative to the nomination and election of a charter commission in the city of Everett;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4763) of John H. Rogers and Marian Walsh (by vote of the town) that the town of Norwood be authorized to appoint retired police officers of the town of Norwood as special police officers in said town;

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4775) of Thomas P. Conroy and Susan C. Fargo (by vote of the town) that the town of Lincoln be authorized to establish a post-employment health insurance trust fund for contribution to health insurance premiums for retired employees of said town;

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4776) of Joan M. Menard and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the mayor of the city of Fall River be authorized to appoint the fire chief and the board of fire commissioners of said city; and

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4777) of Patricia A. Walrath and Pamela P. Resor (by vote of the town) relative to exempting the position of police captain in the town of Hudson from the provisions of civil service law.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 7B, 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. Brewer) “honoring Judith A. Brown”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brewer) “honoring Mary Beth Eagan on the occasion of her retirement”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brewer) “congratulating Wayne R. Newton on the occasion of his retirement”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brown) “honoring Peter Tileston for his dedication, service and commitment to the King Philip community”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Joyce) “congratulating the Reverend George H. Welles, Jr. and Annie Welles on the happy occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary”;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Menard) “congratulating Temple Beth El of the city of Fall River on its eightieth anniversary”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Lydia Brown on her one hundredth birthday”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Ina Johnson on being the recipient of the Boston Post Cane Award”;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka) “congratulating Martin Fay on the occasion of his retirement”; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tarr) “congratulating Donna Stefanile on the occasion of her retirement from the town of Newbury.”

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be re-enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Petrucci) and again laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Further regulating the disclosure of certain financial information to division of medical assistance exempting certain bank fees (see House, No. 975, amended);

Authorizing the city of Methuen to lease a portion of a certain building to the Methuen Municipal Employees Federal Credit Union (see House, No. 4325, amended).

An engrossed Bill to promote the safety of victims of violence (see House, No. 4348) (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 (Mr. Petrucci) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,—

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 Alice Bubriski.

The Senator from Berkshire, Hampshire and Franklin, Mr. Downing, requested that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of Alice Bubriski of Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

Born and raised in Housatonic, Ms. Bubriski was a graduate of Searles High School, Bridgewater State Teachers College, University of Wisconsin, Cornell University and University of Colorado. She taught public school in Great Barrington, West Stockbridge and New Jersey, having received the Prize for Distinguished Secondary School Teaching by Princeton University in 1976. She also spent several successful seasons as the girls' basketball coach at her alma mater, Searles High School.

Ms. Bubriski was known to all in Great Barrington as the “Unofficial Mayor of Housatonic.” Having spent decades fighting for

the values and interests of the Village of Housatonic, the Mayor attended her last annual Town Meeting the night before she passed. A few of her most passionate projects include founding “Housatonic the Beautiful,” a neighborhood improvement society, and her efforts to save, then renovate, Housatonic’s Ramsdell Public Library.

Ms. Bubriski is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Alice Bubriski, at five minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday at eleven o’clock A.M.