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Thursday, January 17, 2008.

Met at one minute past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Timilty 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. Timilty), members, guests and employees then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Communications.

The following communications were severally placed on file:

Communication from the Department of Youth Services (pursuant to Section 16 of Chapter 123A of the General Laws) submitting a letter relative to the treatment of persons committed as sexually dangerous (Copies having been forwarded as required to the Senate Committees on Ways and Means and the Judiciary) (received Monday, January 7, 2008); and

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to a plan of correction submitted pursuant to inspection of the Hampden County Sheriff's Department and Correctional Center (received Thursday, January 10, 2008).

Reports.

The following reports were severally read and placed on file:

A report of the Massachusetts Technology Development Corporation (under the provisions of Section 6 of Chapter 40G of the General Laws) for fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 (received Friday, December 14, 2007);

A report of the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority (pursuant to Section 43 of Chapter 205 of the Acts of 2007) submitting its progress report on the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority's analysis of the cost and feasibility of allowing employees who are offered employer-sponsored insurance and who would otherwise be eligible to participate in Commonwealth Care (received Monday, January 7, 2008);

A report of the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds (under the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 4 of the Acts of 2003 and Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its tenth plan for expenditure from the County Registers Technological Fund (copies having been forwarded as required to the Senate Committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight) (received Wednesday, January 9, 2008);

A report of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (pursuant to Section 38N of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982) submitting its Hynes Convention Center Feasibility Study, December 2007 (received Wednesday, January 9, 2008);

A report of the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to the provisions of Section 12(c) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting the Commonwealth's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 (FY07) (received Wednesday, January 9, 2008);

A report of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Commission to End Homelessness (under the provisions of Chapter 2 of the Resolves of 2006 and Chapter 1 of the Resolves of 2007) submitting its final report (received Friday, January 11, 2008);

A report of the Massachusetts Workers' Compensation Advisory Council submitting a copy of the Fiscal Year 2007 Annual

Report, The State of the Massachusetts Workers' Compensation System (received Tuesday, January 15, 2008);
A report of the Attorney General's Office (under the provisions of section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) relative to wiretap interceptions (received Tuesday, January 15, 2008);
A report of the Betsy Lehman Center for Patient Safety and Medical Error Reduction (under the provisions of Section 16E(f) of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for the year 2007 (received Tuesday, January 15, 2008);
A report of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (under the provisions of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for Fiscal Year 2007 (received Wednesday, January 16, 2008); and
A report of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (under the provisions of Section 21(3)(f) of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) submitting its report on cost of living adjustments for retirees and beneficiaries (received Wednesday, January 9, 2008).

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Downing, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to student issues (Senate, No. 2463);

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to MCAS (Senate, No. 2464);

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to alternative education (Senate, No. 2465);

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to education accountability (Senate, No. 2466); and

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to curriculum (Senate, No. 2467);

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the Senate committee on Ethics and Rules.

Under Senate Rule 36, the reports were severally considered forthwith and accepted.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Article LXXXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to Reorganization plan number 1 of 2008, relative to reorganizing certain education agencies (House, No. 4488),— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.**

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brown, Ms. Creem, Ms. Fargo, Messrs. Galluccio, Timilty and Tisei and Ms. Spilka) “congratulating the Jewish Scouts of Greater Boston and recognizing the ninety-eighth anniversary of scouting in the United States of America”; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Resor) “on the observance of the month of January as Stalking Awareness Month.”

Report of a Committee.

Mr. Downing, for the committee on Ethics and Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House Bill relative to the annual observance of Thrombosis Awareness Month (House, No. 4288).

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 read-ing, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (both 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 enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Timilty) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Authorizing the city of Easthampton to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4176); and

Further regulating the membership of the South Essex Sewerage Board (see House, No. 4258).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,—

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