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Monday, April 23, 2007.

Met at four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. McGee in the Chair).

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

Communication.

A communication from the Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAM), through the Secretary of Administration and Finance (pursuant to Section 3B of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting its proposed fee increase for contractor certification (received Friday, April 20, 2007),— was placed on file.

Petition.

Ms. Jehlen presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Pamela P. Resor, Cynthia S. Creem and Carl M. Sciortino, Jr. for legislation to order a comprehensive study of Commonwealth charter schools,— **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Downing, for the committee on Public Service, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1474), a Bill relative to pension divestment (Senate, No. 2217);

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3978) of John W. Scibak and Michael R. Knapik (by vote of the town) that the town of Easthampton be authorized to issue an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises of the "Old Memorial Hall";

To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3980) of Robert Correia (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Fall River be authorized to increase the pension payable to Dennis O'Neil, a retired police officer of said city;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3981) of Vincent A. Pedone (with the approval of the city council) for certain changes in the law relative to civil service positions in the city of Worcester; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3982) of Stephen Stat Smith (with the approval of the mayor, board of aldermen and common council) that the city of Everett be authorized to appoint retired police officers of said city as special police to perform

work details;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Reports

Of the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3938) of Theodore C. Speliotis and others relative to the membership and the jurisdiction of the Architectural Access Board,— **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.**

Of the committee on Community Development and Small Business, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 148) of Bruce J. Ayers for legislation to further regulate the community preservation law concerning “smart growth” planning in cities and towns,— **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Election Laws.**

Of the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 169) of Peter J. Koutoujian and others relative to profits from crime,— **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.**

Of the committee on Community Development and Small Business, asking to be discharged from further consideration Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 192) of David M. Torrisi providing training for certain local boards and commissions,— **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 178) of Michael J. Rodrigues and others relative to redeeming losing lottery tickets in the purchase of lottery tickets,— **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Revenue.**

Of the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 419) of James H. Fagan and others for legislation to require applicants for professional licenses to have satisfied all state tax obligations of such applicants,— **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.**

Of the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, asking to be discharged from further consideration Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1983) of Douglas W. Petersen for legislation to regulate the admittance to pre-school or school age child care programs,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1976) of James M. Murphy relative to the protection of inland waters,— **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.**

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1991) of Carl M. Sciortino, Jr., and others relative to electric street poles,— **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.**

Were severally considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.

Notice was received from the House announcing the following appointment:

That Representative Jones of North Reading has been appointed by the Speaker to the Special Commission (established pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Resolves of 2006) for the purpose of devising a state wide strategy to end homelessness in the Commonwealth.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Antonioni) “recognizing April twenty-third to twenty-seven, 2007 as the Week of the Young Child”;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Jehlen and Mr. Tisei) “congratulating Professor Frederick Carl Nelson on the occasion of his retirement”; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Panagiotakos) “congratulating the Evangelical Congregational Church in Dunstable, Massachusetts on the 250th anniversary of the gathering of the church.”

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 he directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

On motion of the same Senator, at ten minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Thursday at eleven o’clock A.M.