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Thursday, May 3, 2007.

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

Petition.

Mr. Joyce presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian A. Joyce, Mark C. Montigny, Benjamin D. Downing, Denise Provost and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to parental leave,— **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Report of a Committee.

Ms. Menard, 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 Senate Bill establishing appointed positions of district clerk and district treasurer for the Bernardston Fire and Water District (Senate, No. 1198).

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Antonioni) “recognizing Tanya Barnett for distinguished community service”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Joyce) “congratulating Mrs. Helen Hansen of the town of Stoughton”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Joyce) “congratulating Mr. Robert Parsons of the town of Stoughton”;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Joyce and Timilty) “congratulating Michael Fox of Sharon on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Moore, Augustus, Brewer, Ms. Chandler, Messrs. Downing, Knapik, Morrissey, O’Leary, Ms. Spilka, Mr. Tarr, Ms. Tucker, Ms. Resor, Mr. Rosenberg and Ms. Wilkerson) “commending the work of public employees and commemorating Public Service Recognition Week, May 7-13, 2007”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Morrissey) “recognizing the dedication of the Ruth C. Callahan Early Childhood Education Center in honor of the lifelong contributions of Ruth C. Callahan”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Joseph Angelino Canha on the occasion of his retirement as Vice Consul of the Portuguese Consulate in New Bedford”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Panagiotakos) “in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of Westford Water Department”;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Timilty and Brown) “congratulating John A. Moretti on his retirement from the Mansfield School System”;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Walsh) “congratulating Andrew Lawrence on the occasion of his Court of Honor”; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Walsh) “congratulating Robert Quinn, Jr. on the occasion of his Court of Honor.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Emergency Preamble Adopted; Engrossed Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill further regulating the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (see House, No, 3967, 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 (Mr. Havern) and sent to the House for enactment.

Subsequently, the bill, which originated in the House, 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 (Mr. Havern) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Brewer,—

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