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Monday, August 13, 2007.

Met at one minute 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.

Petitions.

Petitions were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Hedlund, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2320) of Robert L. Hedlund and Robert J. Nyman for legislation for the establishment and administration of rent regulations and the control of evictions in mobile home park accommodations in the town of Norwell [Local approval received];

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Housing.

By Mr. Brewer, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2318) of Stephen M. Brewer and Anne M. Gobi (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Templeton to exchange a parcel of conservation land for a larger parcel to be held for conservation purposes [Local approval received]; and

By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2321) of Richard T. Moore and John V. Fernandes for legislation to authorize the town of Hopedale to acquire certain property for municipal purposes [Local approval received];

Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Mr. Hedlund, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2319) of Robert L. Hedlund and Robert J. Nyman for legislation to provide a property tax exemption in the town of Norwell [Local approval received];

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Hedlund (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel J. Ciccariello for legislation to provide a tax exemption for attorneys providing pro bono legal services; and

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 7B) of Bruce E. Tarr, Harriett L. Stanley and Barbara A. L'Italien for legislation to provide for the establishment of a strong fire chief in the town of Georgetown;

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

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Spilka, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on Senate, Nos. 81 and 123, a Bill providing for insurance coverage for vision screening for children (Senate, No. 123); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to federal reimbursement for home and community-based services for physically disabled adults age 60 and under (Senate, No. 125);

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Spilka, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on petition, a Bill relative to the preservation of families (Senate, No. 88, changed in line 1 by striking the words “Section 35N” and inserting in place thereof the words “Section 35CC” and further in line 3 by striking the words “Section 35O” and inserting in place thereof the words “35DD”);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to encourage adoption and foster care in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 112); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill increasing educational opportunities for foster children (Senate, No. 127);

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

By Ms. Spilka, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on petition, a Bill relative to reckless endangerment (Senate, No. 1143);

Read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Ethics and Rules.

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Panagiotakos, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the House Bill protecting patient confidentiality (House, No. 1315),— **and recommending that the same be referred to the Senate committee on Ethics and Rules.**

Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Antonioni, Augustus, Brown, Ms. Chandler, Ms. Fargo, Messrs. Havern and Joyce, Ms. Menard, Messrs. Moore, O’Leary, Pacheco and Panagiotakos, Ms. Resor, Mr. Rosenberg, Ms. Spilka, Messrs. Tarr, Tisei, Tolman, Ms. Tucker and Ms. Wilkerson) “congratulating Dr. David P. Driscoll on the occasion of his retirement.”

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4209) of James H. Fagan and others that the Department of Correction be directed to establish a sick leave bank for Sharon Easter, an employee of said department; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4210) of Thomas M. Stanley and Tom Sannicandro for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Mary Hardiman, an employee of the Department of Public Health;

Severally, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Order Adopted,

On motion of Mr. Tisei,—

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