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Monday, August 25, 2008.

Met at one minute past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Petrucci in the Chair).

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

Distinguished Guest.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Petrucci) introduced Mr. Elie Marouni, Minister of Tourism of Lebanon. Mr. Marouni was the guest of Senator Steven A. Baddour. The Senate welcomed him with applause and he withdrew from the Chamber.

Communications.

Several communications from the Honorable Therese Murray, President of the Senate, were received announcing the following appointments and placed on file:

Dr. Amaro Laria, Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology's Lucero Latino Mental Health Training Program to the Commission (pursuant to Subsection 16O of Section 3 of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2006) relative to Health Care Disparities; Ms. Connie DiLego of Plymouth to the Permanent Commission (pursuant to Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2008) relative to the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren;

The Honorable Stanley C. Rosenberg to the Special Commission established (pursuant to Section 112 of Chapter 182 of the Acts of 2008) to make an investigation and study of the manner in which municipalities and towns of the Commonwealth balance their fiscal year budgets;

The Honorable Steven A. Tolman and James E. Timilty to the Special Commission established (pursuant to Section 56 of Chapter 302 of the Acts of 2008) to make an investigation and study of the impact of OxyContin and heroin epidemic on the state and municipal government, the substance abuse system and to identify potential strategies to more effectively cope with said epidemic;

The Honorable Marc R. Pacheco to the Special Commission (pursuant to Section 106 of Chapter 182 of the Acts of 2008) on Civic Engagement and Learning;

The Honorable Stanley C. Rosenberg, Benjamin B. Downing and Michael W. Morrissey to the Special Commission (pursuant to Section 97 of Chapter 173 of the Acts of 2008) on Municipal Relief (Senator Rosenberg shall serve as co-chair);

The Honorable Richard T. Moore to the Special Commission established (pursuant to Section 82 of Chapter 4 of the Acts of 2003) to streamline sales and use tax agreement; and

The Honorable Frederick E. Berry, Steven C. Panagiotakos and Anthony Petrucci to the Special Commission established (pursuant to Section 111 of Chapter 182 of the Acts of 2008) to make an investigation and study of the Massachusetts Contributory Retirement Systems.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5082) of Tom Sannicandro and others (by vote of the town) that the town of Framingham to erect a maintenance facility,— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

A Bill relative to blood donations by minors (House, No. 4547,— on petition),— **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Ethics and Rules.**

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:
The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Concord to send certain information to registered voters in the town of Concord (Senate, No. 2789),— **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent to the House for concurrence.**

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A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5083) of Michael F. Rush (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the Secretary of the Commonwealth be directed to prepare ballots in English-Chinese and English-Vietnamese for designated polling places in the city of Boston,— **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Election Laws.**

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Morrissey, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on petition, a Bill to authorize the placement on the official ballot to be used in the city of Melrose at the biennial state election to be held in November 2008 two questions relative to the licensing of purveyors of beer and wine in the city of Melrose (Senate, No. 2875) [Local approval received].

The bill was read.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tisei, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: “An Act authorizing the placement of 2 questions on the ballot at the biennial state election to be held in November 2008, relative to the licensing of sales of wines and malt beverages in the city of Melrose”. Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to polling places in the city of Boston (House, No. 4983,— on petition) [Local approval received],— **was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tisei, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

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 three minutes past twelve o’clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Thursday at eleven o’clock A.M.