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Tuesday, March 24, 2009

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

The Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, led the Chair (Mr. Rosenberg), members, guests and employees in the recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Kennedy, for the committee on Election Laws, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 342) of Benjamin B. Downing for legislation relative to protecting consumers during a state of emergency,- **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure; and**

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 349) of Anthony D. Galluccio and Karen E. Spilka for legislation relative to an employment marketability curriculum,- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Education; **Under Senate Rule 36, the reports were severally considered forthwith and accepted. Severally sent to the House for concurrence.**

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brown) "congratulating the New England Center for the Performing Arts on its celebration of March as Arts Education Month".

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Panagiotakos, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to an appeal process of insurance premium surcharges under managed competition (Senate, No. 2022),— **ought to pass, with an amendment** in section 1, in the first paragraph of the proposed section 7A of chapter 175E of the General Laws, by striking out the last sentence.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The bill (Senate, No. 2022, amended) was then ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Panagiotakos, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill modernizing the transportation systems of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 10),— **ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2023)(Senator Spilka dissenting).**

Under the provisions of an order previously adopted by the Senate, the bill was placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading, with the amendment pending.

Recess.

There being no objection, at twenty-five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Rosenberg) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at twenty-three minutes before three o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair. **At twenty-three minutes before three o'clock P.M., Mr. Tisei doubted the presence of a quorum; and, a count of the Senate determined that a quorum was not present. Subsequently, at twenty minutes before three o'clock P.M., the President declared that a quorum was present.**

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill extending the Commonwealth's authority to guarantee obligations of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority (see House Bill, printed in House, No. 100, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, - **was laid before the Senate for its final passage. Mr. Montigny moved that the engrossed bill be laid on the table; and, in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 24, the consideration of the motion to lay on the table was postponed, without question, until the next session.**

Recess.

There being no objection, at six minutes before three o'clock P.M., the President declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at three minutes past four o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair.

At three minutes past four o'clock P.M., Mr. Tisei doubted the presence of a quorum; and, a count of the Senate determined that a quorum was not present. Subsequently, at nine minutes past four o'clock P.M., the President declared that a quorum was present.

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 relative to an appeal process of insurance premium surcharges under managed competition (Senate, No. 2022, amended),-- was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Hart moved that the bill be laid on the table; and, in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 24, the consideration of the motion to lay on the table was postponed, without question, until the next session.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Chandler,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at a half past twelve o'clock noon, in a full formal session.

On motion of Mr. Tisei, at eleven minutes past four o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at a half past twelve o'clock noon.