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Monday, May 7, 2012.

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

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on Senate, Nos. 49, 50, 51, 55, 56, 59, 60, 61, 62, 68 and 1838, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to children, families and persons with disabilities (Senate, No. 2251); and

By Ms. Donoghue, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on Senate, Nos. 1702, 1705, 1707, 1708 and 1711, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to tourism, arts and cultural development issues (Senate, No. 2252);
Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Kennedy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on petition, a Bill relative to simulcasting (Senate, No. 2219);

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

By Mr. Welch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill further regulating certain town meeting notices in the town of Belmont (Senate, No. 2223) [Local approval received];

Read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Committees Discharged

Mr. Berry, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Community Development and Small Businesses to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to regulating franchise agreements (Senate, No. 2244); and

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to transportation matters (Senate, No. 2245);

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the Senate committee on Ethics and Rules.

Severally under Senate Rule 36, the reports were considered forthwith and accepted.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4055) of Robert Steinmetz for legislation to require persons convicted of animal abuse to register with an animal abuse registry (having been filed in the office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives prior to 5pm on Friday, January 21, 2011),-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.**

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Clark) “congratulating Chief Richard Bongiorno on his retirement as Chief of Police from the Stoneham Police Department”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating the residents of the town of Dighton on the occasion of the three hundredth anniversary of its founding”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Petruccelli, Ms. Clark, Messrs. DiDomenico and Donnelly, Ms. Jehlen and Mr. McGee) “congratulating John X. Crowley on the occasion of his retirement from the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rosenberg) “congratulating the University of Massachusetts Amherst on the fortieth anniversary of its University Without Walls Degree Completion Program”;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Timilty, Ross and Rush) “honoring Irene Davey for her distinguished military service”; and

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Welch and Michael O. Moore) “congratulating Thomas E. Burke on the occasion of his retirement.”

Order.

Mr. Kennedy presented the following order: Ordered, That notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure be granted until May 17, 2012 within which to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 103, 104, 105, 127, 1943 and 2049 relative to consumer protection and professional licensure.

Under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently, Mr. Berry, for the said committees, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted.

The order was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session, the question being on adoption.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

The following House Order (approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) was considered forthwith and adopted in concurrence, as follows:

Ordered, that notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Transportation shall be granted until Tuesday, May 8, 2012, within which to report on current House documents numbered 907, 914, 918, 928, 930, 931, 949, 1782, 1794, 1795, 1796, 1797, 1798, 1799, 1801, 1802, 1803, 1805, 1816, 2633, 2639, 2644, 2645, 2648, 2653, 2654, 2657, 2658, 2659, 2660, 2664, 2914, 2986, 3072, 3079, 3094, 3095, 3096, 3244, 3245, 3248, 3382, 3420, 3852 and 3966.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4072) of Eugene L. O’Flaherty (with the approval of the city council) relative to drag racing in the city of Chelsea [Local approval received],-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Transportation.**

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Petruccelli) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Increasing the expenditure limit on the parks and recreation revolving fund in the town of Hanover (see House, No. 3502); and

Amending the charter of the town of Harwich (see House, No. 3504).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Ross,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at one o'clock P.M., in a full formal session with a calendar.

On motion of the same Senator, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at one o'clock P.M.