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Monday, May 6, 2013.

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

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

Petition.

Ms. O'Connor Ives presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kathleen O'Connor Ives, Kate Hogan, John H. Rogers, Carolyn C. Dykema and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to child safety;
Referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Brownsberger, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill to establish a sick leave bank for Jason Saunders, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 1775);
Read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DiDomenico, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill relative to a water storage facility in the city of Fall River (Senate, No. 1764) [Local approval received];
Read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3450) of Denise Provost, Patricia Jehlen and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the mayor of the city of Somerville be authorized to posthumously appoint Sean A. Collier a police officer in said city.

To the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3445) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik and Jennifer L. Flanagan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to property tax exemptions by certain veteran organizations in the city of Gardner,--

To the committee on Revenue.

Report of the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3198) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr. for legislation to reimburse members of the Massachusetts National Guard for monthly life insurance premiums,-- **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security,-- was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Ross and Timilty) “congratulating Sturdy Memorial Hospital in the city of Attleborough on its one hundredth anniversary”; and

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Welch and Brewer, Ms. Candaras and Mr. Knapik) “congratulating Janis Santos on the occasion of her retirement.”

Orders Adopted.

Mr. Richard T. Moore offered the following order:

Ordered, That, conformably to the provisions of Article LXVIII (48) (as amended by Article LXXXI (81) of the Amendments to the Constitution a joint session of the two Houses be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2011, at eleven o'clock A.M., for the purpose of considering proposals to the Constitution.

Insofar as applicable, the special rules of procedure, in effect in the preceding General Court shall govern said joint session, and any further joint sessions for the purpose of considering amendments to the Constitution

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Knapik, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Ms. Murray offered the following order:

Ordered, That, the Senate hereby calls for a joint session of the two Houses, conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXXXI) of the Amendments to the Constitution, to consider the following proposals:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to absentee and early voting by voters of the Commonwealth (see Senate, No. 12), with reference to which the committee on Election Laws has reported, recommending that the amendment ought to pass.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Petruccelli, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Mr. Rosenberg offered the following order:

Ordered, That, the Senate hereby calls for a joint session of the two Houses, conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXXXI) of the Amendments to the Constitution, to consider the following proposals:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution allowing for a graduated income tax (see Senate, No. 17), having been reported ought NOT to pass from the committee on Revenue (under Joint Rule 23), the time within which the committee was required to report having expired.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Knapik, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Mr. Tarr offered the following order:

Ordered, That, the Senate hereby calls for a joint session of the two Houses, conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXXXI) of the Amendments to the Constitution, to consider the following proposals:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to prohibit eminent domain (see Senate, No. 14), with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported, recommending that the amendment ought NOT to pass;

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the reform of the Executive Council (see Senate, No. 15), with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported, recommending that the amendment ought NOT to pass;

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to require a supermajority vote for the utilization of rainy day funds (see Senate, No. 18), with reference to which the committee on the State Administration and Regulatory Oversight has reported, recommending that the amendment ought NOT to pass;

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to creating an independent redistricting commission (see House, No. 60), with reference to which the committee on Election Laws has reported, recommending that the amendment ought NOT to pass; and

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to prohibiting eminent domain takings (see House, No. 66), with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported, recommending that the amendment ought NOT to pass.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Knapik, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Petition.

On motion of Mr. Petruccelli, Senate Rule 20 and were suspended on the petition, presented by Ms. Spilka, (accompanied by bill) of Karen E. Spilka, Kate Hogan, John H. Rogers, Carolyn C. Dykema and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish the MetroWest commission on the status of women and girls,-- **and the same was referred to the committee on**

Municipalities and Regional Government.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Report of Committees.

By Mr. Rosenberg, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Richard J. Ross for legislation relative to disability insurance benefits.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Knapik, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Financial Services. Sent to the House for concurrence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Petrucci,--

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 Mr. Knapik, at nine minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M.