

SENATE No. 2873

Senate, July 30, 2020 -- Text of the Senate amendment (Senator Lovely) to the House Order relative to suspension of Joint Rule 12A (House, No. 4910)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

1 by striking out the text in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following text:-

2 Ordered, Whereas, on March 10, 2020, pursuant to executive order No. 591, the governor
3 declared a state of emergency in the commonwealth to respond to the 2019 novel coronavirus,
4 also known as COVID-19, and such a state of emergency continues to exist in the
5 commonwealth; and

6 Whereas, Joint Rule 12A requires that all formal business of the second annual session be
7 concluded not later than the last day of July 2020; and

8 Whereas, it is critical for the senate and house of representatives to continue convening in
9 formal session to respond to, and mitigate the spread of, COVID-19 to protect the health,
10 security, safety, economic well-being and convenience of the people of the commonwealth; now
11 therefore be it

12 Ordered, That, the senate and house of representatives declare that a state of emergency
13 exists within the General Court; and be it further

14 Ordered, That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 12A, the formal business of the second annual
15 session may continue after the last day of July 2020.