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**UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**

Monday, March 16, 1998.
Met at three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Norton in the Chair).

Reports.

A report of the Massachusetts Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation (under the provisions of Section 6 of Chapter 40H of the General Laws) submitting its 1997 annual report (received Tuesday, March 10, 1998),— **was placed on file.**

The following reports were severally read and sent to the House for its information:
Reports of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Section 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspections of certain correctional facilities in the Commonwealth:
Of the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services in the city of Springfield (received Tuesday, March 10, 1998);
Of M.C.I. Cedar Junction in the town of Walpole (received Tuesday, March 10, 1998); and
A report of the Bureau of Special Investigations (under the provisions of Section 15D(6) of Chapter 22 of the General Laws) submitting a report of its activities for the month of February, 1998 (received Monday, March 16, 1998).

Petition.

Mr. Panagiotakos (by request) presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of George S. Gordon and others for legislation relative to the taxation of unearned income of certain elderly persons,— **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Papers from the House.

A Bill relative to earned income, investment income and capital gains (House, No. 5380, printed as amended,— on House, Nos. 630, 1074, 1075, 1620, 2221 and 3367),— **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

A Bill relative to the practice of acupuncture (House, No. 4642,— on petition),— **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Steering and Policy.**

A Bill authorizing the city of Springfield to borrow a certain
sum of money for capital improvements to the library and museum buildings (House, No. 4909,— on petition) [Local approval received],— **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Communication.

The clerk read the following communication:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133
March 13, 1998.

Mr. Edward B. O'Neill
Clerk of the Massachusetts Senate
State House
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Mr. O'Neill:
Due to a conflict, I was unable to be present for five roll call votes on March 12, 1998.
Had I been present I would have voted in the affirmative on each of the following matters:
1) Engrossment of Senate Bill 2142, relative to women in construction;
2) Senator Walsh's amendment to House Bill 5300, relative to the Board of Building Regulations and Standards;

3) Engrossment of House Bill 5300, as amended;
4) Enactment of House Bill 5196, authorizing the conveyance of a certain parcel of land in the town of Norwell;
5) Enactment of House Bill 5139, authorizing the town of Plympton to transfer control of certain forest land to the board of selectmen.
I would appreciate your noting this for the record. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cheryl A. Jacques,
State Senator.

On motion of Mr. Moore, the above communication was ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Jajuga, for the committee on Public Safety, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2141) of Linda J. Melconian, William R. Keating and Nancy Flavin for legislation to require the exchange of certain information at the time of a motor vehicle accident,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Insurance.
Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.
Sent to the House for concurrence.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Fargo) "recognizing Laurie Baker for winning a gold medal as a member of the 1998 U.S. Women's Olympic Hockey Team", were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.
Subsequently, Mr. Norton, for the said committee, reported, recommending that the resolutions ought to be adopted; and they were considered forthwith, under a suspension of the rules, moved by Mr. Tarr, and adopted.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Keating) "honoring Martin J. Badoian", were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.
Subsequently, Mr. Norton, for the said committee, reported, recommending that the resolutions ought to be adopted; and they were considered forthwith, under a suspension of the rules, moved by Mr. Tarr, and adopted.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Knapik) "honoring Tommy Makem upon his being named the recipient of the 1998 Ambassador's Award by the Holyoke Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee", were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.
Subsequently, Mr. Norton, for the said committee, reported, recommending that the resolutions ought to be adopted; and they were considered forthwith, under a suspension of the rules, moved by Mr. Tarr, and adopted.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tarr) "congratulating Ben Smith, head coach of the 1998 United States Olympic Women's Hockey Team", were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.
Subsequently, Mr. Norton, for the said committee, reported, recommending that the resolutions ought to be adopted; and they were considered forthwith, under a suspension of the rules, moved by Mr. Tarr, and adopted.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Melconian,—
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.

Papers from the House.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:
Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5386) of Nancy Flavin and Paul Kujawski for legislation to include certain non-resident dentists as participating dentists of dental service corporations;
Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Insurance.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5381) of John F. Merrigan (with the approval of the town council) relative to the charter of the town of Greenfield;
To the committee on Local Affairs.

On motion of Ms. Melconian, at sixteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M.