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## UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



Monday, February 7, 2000.

Met at four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Melconian in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

### *Report.*

A report of the Department of Education (under the provisions of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948) submitting its report on proposed regulations (received Monday, February 7, 2000),— **was placed on file.**

### *Petition.*

Mr. Hedlund presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert L. Hedlund and Richard Lewis for legislation relative to the issuance of short-term fishing licenses at pro-rated fees,— **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

### *Reports of a Committee.*

Mr. Brewer, for the committee on Steering and Policy, reported that the following matters be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The Senate Bill proclaiming June as Portuguese American month (Senate, No. 2073); and

The House Bill requiring salaries paid by a domestic company be authorized by its board of directors or trustees (House, No. 4906).

The House Bill relative to the organization and supervision of fraternal benefit societies (House, No. 4507, amended),— **was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session (the time within which the committee on Steering and Policy was required to report having expired).**

### PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Bills

Relative to certain environmental boating regulations and penalties (House, No. 2177,— on petition);

Relative to an investigation and study by the Department of Public Health relative to the incidence of asthma in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4469,— on House, No. 1360); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Kevin J. Souza, an employee of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (House, No. 4974,— on petition);

**Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Bills

Relative to gifts of personal property to municipalities (House, No. 824,— on petition); and

Relative to the duties of escrow agents (House, No. 5002,— on House, No. 3455);

**Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Steering and Policy.**

A Bill relative to the reporting of pension contributions in the city of New Bedford (House, No. 4780,— substituted by amendment by the House for the report of the committee on Public Service, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on petition) [Local approval received],— **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

### ***Resolutions.***

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Knapik) “honoring Doctor Harold R. Ratchford on being named the recipient of the Citizenship Award by the Holyoke Saint Patrick’s Parade Committee”; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Moore) “acknowledging the generosity of the citizens of Los Angeles for their support of the Schepens Eye Research Institute”.

### **PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.**

#### ***Engrossed Bill.***

An engrossed Bill relative to billboards (see Senate, No. 1967) (which originated in the Senate), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and was signed by the Acting President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

#### ***Communication.***

The Clerk read the following communication:

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053**

February 3, 2000.

Mr. Patrick F. Scanlan  
*Clerk of the Senate*  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Mr. Scanlan:

On February 3, 2000, due to a conflict, I was unable to be present for the roll call vote on House Bill 4481, An Act Relative to the Construction and Maintenance of the Statewide Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Green Hill Park in the City of Worcester. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative.

I was also unable to be present for the roll call vote on House Bill 1946, An Act to Improve the Emergency Medical Services System. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative.

I would appreciate your noting this for the record. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,  
CHERYL A. JACQUES.

**On motion of Ms. Fargo, the above statement was ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.**

***Report of Committees.***

By Ms. Melconian, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Susan C. Tucker and Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Andover to enter into certain agreements and to convey and accept certain interests in real estate [Local approval received].

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Moore, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Local Affairs.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

***Reports of a Committee.***

By Mr. Montigny, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill authorizing the State Retirement Board to grant a pension to Arlenn Officer (printed as House, No. 1635),— ought to pass.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Morrissey, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

By Mr. Montigny, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill authorizing creditable service (Senate, No. 1328),— ought to pass, with an amendment, substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2090).

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Rosenberg, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.**

**The bill (Senate, No. 2090) was then ordered to a third reading.**

By Mr. Montigny, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to extending certain property tax exemptions to the surviving spouses of disabled veterans (Senate, No. 1534),— ought to pass, with an amendment, adding the following section:

“SECTION 6. This act shall apply to the spouses of veterans who died before or after the effective date of this act, but shall apply only to taxes assessed beginning in fiscal year 2001.”; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:—

“*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to forthwith provide for certain property tax exemptions to the surviving spouses of disabled veterans, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and convenience.”.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Resor, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.**

**The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading.**

By Mr. Montigny, for the committee on Ways and Means, pursuant to Senate Rule 19, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2000 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (Senate, No. 2089). The bill was read.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Bernstein, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

***Order Adopted.***

On motion of Mr. Rosenberg,—

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at one o'clock P.M.

On motion of Mr. Knapik, at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at one o'clock P.M.

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