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Tuesday, November 16, 1999.

Met at one minute past one o'clock P.M. (Ms. Melconian in the Chair).

Reports.

Reports of the Commission on Judicial Conduct (under the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 211C of the General Laws) submitting its annual reports for 1994 through 1998 (received Monday, November 15, 1999),— **were placed on file.**

Petition.

Mr. Rauschenbach presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Henri S. Rauschenbach, Brian P. Lees, Bruce E. Tarr, Therese Murray and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to further regulating custodial interference,— **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Reports of a Committee.

By Ms. Walsh, for the committee on Taxation, on Senate, No. 1511 and House, No. 2626, a Bill relative to the taxation of forest, farm and recreation land (Senate, No. 1511, changed by adding a new section:—

"SECTION 24A. The third sentence of chapter 61B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words:— sixty days' and inserting in place thereof the following words:— thirty days.); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1575 and 1576, a Bill providing a sales tax exemption for worker safety and pollution control expenditures (Senate, No. 2045);

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

Committee Discharged.

Ms. Melconian, for the committee on Rules, to whom was referred the Senate order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Banks and Banking to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of certain current House documents (Senate, No. 2003),— reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of so much of the recommendations of the office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation (House, No. 9) as relates to the establishment of a limited purpose trust company subject to the supervision of the Commissioner of Banks (accompanied by bill, House, No. 12);

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1131) of Salvatore F. DiMasi, Angelo M. Scaccia and John A. Hart, Jr., relative to state chartered banks; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3219) of Philip Travis and other members of the General Court for legislation to further regulate the transmission of money;

And recommending that the same severally be recommitted to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Wrentham to convey certain conservation land (House, No. 289,—on petition) [Local approval received];
Authorizing and directing the reinstatement of David Entin to the state retirement system (House, No. 2767, changed and amended,— on petition);
Relative to the compensation of certain public officials (House, No. 4766, amended,— on petition);
Establishing the education policy review commission (House, No. 4778,— on House, No. 2673);
Authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a parcel of land in the town of Grafton to Robert and Abby McInnis (House, No. 4785,— on House, No. 1268);
Regulating viatical settlements agreements (House, No. 4790,— on Senate, No. 737 and House, Nos. 27 and 2142);
Relative to executive compensation and the Emergency Finance Board (House, No. 4882,— on House, No. 4856); and
Relative to funding of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (House, No. 4892,— on House, No. 4891);
Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills

Relative to veterinarians reporting cruelty to animals (House, No. 1033,— on petition);
Relative to cluster developments (House, No. 4435,— on House, No. 1192); and
Relative to the Worcester Firemen's Relief Association (House, No. 4709,— on petition);
Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Steering and Policy.

A Bill exempting the position of deputy fire chief in the town of Wellesley from the provisions of the civil service law (House, No. 4327,— on petition) [Local approval received],— **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Recess.

There being no objection, at two minutes past one o'clock P.M., the Chair (Ms. Melconian) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at twenty minutes before three o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4895) of J. Michael Ruane and Frederick E. Berry (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land commonly known as the Salem jail, jailer's house and barn to the city of Salem,— **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration.**

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were considered, as follows:

The House Bills

Further regulating the tax escrow requirements for certain mortgages (House, No. 2085);
Relative to leaves of absences by certain police officers (House, No. 3918); and
Relative to life insurance company liquidation proceedings (House, No. 4852);
Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate Bill prohibiting discrimination in insurance policies (Senate, No. 2043),— was read a third time. After remarks, the question on passing it to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at ten minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Wilkerson, as follows, to wit (yeas 37 — nays 0):

YEAS.

Antonioni, Robert A.
Bernstein, Robert A.
Brewer, Stephen M.

Magnani, David P.
Melconian, Linda J.
Montigny, Mark C.

Clancy, Edward J., Jr.
 Creedon, Robert S., Jr.
 Creem, Cynthia Stone
 Fargo, Susan C.
 Glodis, Guy W.
 Havern, Robert A.
 Hedlund, Robert L.
 Jacques, Cheryl A.
 Jajuga, James P.
 Joyce, Brian A.
 Knapik, Michael R.
 Lees, Brian P.
 Lynch, Stephen F.
 Tolman, Steven A.
 Travaglini, Robert E.
 Tucker, Susan C.

Moore, Richard T.
 Morrissey, Michael W.
 Murray, Therese
 Nuciforo, Andrea F., Jr.
 Pacheco, Marc R.
 Panagiotakos, Steven C.
 Rauschenbach, Henri S.
 Resor, Pamela
 Rosenberg, Stanley C.
 Shannon, Charles E.
 Sprague, Jo Ann
 Tarr, Bruce E.
 Tisei, Richard R.
 Walsh, Marian
 Wilkerson, Dianne — 37.

NAYS —0.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Berry, Frederick E. — 1.

The yeas and nays having been completed at five minutes before three o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill providing equal employment benefits for public sector employees (Senate, No.2044),— was read a third time. Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Walsh and Messrs. Lynch, Clancy and Creedon moved that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following text:—

"SECTION 1. Paragraph (d) of Section 2 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the word child.', in line 49, and inserting in place thereof the following words:— child, and any one other person at least 18 years of age and competent to enter into contract who is not married to any other person, including that person's unmarried children under 19 years of age, designated by the employee or retiree who is domiciled with the employee or retiree and shares financial responsibilities and expenses with the employee or retiree. For the purposes of this section, domicile shall mean the place of one's actual residence with intention to remain permanently or for an indefinite time and without any certain purpose to return to a former place of abode. The commission shall require each employee or retiree who has designated a person to receive benefits under this section to initially certify and periodically recertify the identity of that designee by filing an affidavit with the commission. Each such employee or retiree shall notify the commission of any change in identity or termination of his designee. All benefits available under this chapter shall end for the designee when the designee is no longer domiciled with the employee or retiree, or when the designation is terminated, regardless of whether the commission has been so notified.

SECTION 2. Section 10C of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word spouse', in line 101, the following words:— or other person designated by the employee or retiree as provided for in section 2.

SECTION 3. Section 10E of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— For the purposes of this section, dependent child' shall mean any child, whether natural, adoptive or stepchild, of any such employee or the natural or adoptive child of such other person designated by the employee as provided for in section 2.

SECTION 4. Section 11 of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— Upon the death of an employee or retired employee insured under this chapter, the surviving spouse or other person designated by the employee or retiree as provided for in section 2, or the surviving dependent

if there is no surviving spouse or other such person, or the surviving dependent if the surviving spouse or other such person subsequently dies, may continue the group or general or blanket insurance providing hospital, surgical, medical, dental, and other health insurance until the remarriage of or designation of, as provided for in section 2, another person to be covered by such insurance by said surviving spouse or other person initially designated for coverage as provided for in section 2, or if there be no surviving spouse or other such person, until the surviving dependent becomes eligible for other group health insurance coverage; provided, however, that application for such insurance coverage shall be filed with the commission and a method for the payment of premiums shall be determined in accordance with its rules and regulations; and provided, further, that the commonwealth shall contribute the same percentage share of the total monthly premium rate for coverage under this section as the percent share it contributes, pursuant to section 8 on behalf of retired employees, subject, where applicable, to reimbursement, as provided under section 10B, and that eligible person having elected coverage under this section shall pay the remainder premium or rate.

SECTION 5. Section 11A of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (b) the following paragraph:—

(b½) In the event an employee or retiree as referred to in paragraph (a) designates a person for coverage as a dependent as provided for in section 2, the former spouse thereafter shall have the right, if so provided in said judgment, to continue to receive benefits as are available to the employee or retiree, by means of the addition of a rider to the family plan or contract, either of which may be at additional premium rates determined by the commission to be just and reasonable in accordance with the additional risks involved.

SECTION 6. Section 12 of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting, after the word spouse', in line 15, the following words:— or other person designated by the retiree as provided for in section 2.

SECTION 7. Said section 12 of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the word spouse', in line 18, the following words:— or other surviving person designated by the retiree as provided for in section 2.

SECTION 8. Said section 12 of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the word spouses' in line 23, the following words:— or other surviving person designated by the retiree as provided for in section 2.

SECTION 9. Said section 12 of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the word spouse', in line 40, the following words:— or other surviving person designated by the retiree as provided for in section 2.

SECTION 10. Said section 12 of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the word spouse', in line 61, the following words:— or other insured surviving person designated by the retiree as provided in section 2.

SECTION 11. Said section 12 of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the word spouses', in line 90, the following words:— or other surviving persons designated by the retiree as provided for in section 2, .

SECTION 12. Said section 12 of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the word spouse', in line 126 the following words:— or other surviving person designated by the retiree as provided for in section 2.

SECTION 13. Section 13 of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the word spouses', in line 4 the following words:— or other surviving persons designated by the retiree as provided for in section 2.

SECTION 14. Section 14 of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the word spouse', in line 4, the following words:— or other surviving person designated by the employee or retiree as provided for in section 2.

SECTION 15. Section 15 of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the word spouse', in line 28, the following words:— or other surviving person designated by the employee or retiree as provided for in section 2.

SECTION 16. Chapter 32B is hereby amended by inserting after section 9I, as so appearing, the following section:—

Section 9J. (a) For the purposes of this section, the word dependents' shall mean an employee or retiree's spouse, an employee or retiree's unmarried children under 19 years of age, his spouse's unmarried children under 19 years of age and any child 19 years of age or over who is mentally or physically incapable of earning his own living; provided, that any additional premium which may be required is paid for the coverage of such handicapped child, and any one other person at least 18 years of age and competent to enter into contract who is not married to any other person, including that person's unmarried children under 19 years of age, designated by the employee or retiree who is domiciled with the employee or retiree and shares financial responsibilities and expenses with the employee or retiree. For the purposes of this section, domicile' shall mean the place of one's actual residence with intention to remain permanently or for an indefinite time and without any certain purpose to return to a former place of abode. The commission shall require each employee or retiree who has designated a person to receive benefits under this section to initially certify and periodically recertify the identity of that designee by filing an affidavit with the commission. Each such employee or retiree shall notify the commission of any change in identity of his designee or termination of his designation. All benefits available under this chapter shall end for the designee when the designee is no longer domiciled with the employee or retiree, or when the designation is terminated, regardless of whether the commission has been so notified.

(b) In any governmental unit, the dependents of employees or retirees shall be enrolled as eligible participants in the plan or plans of contributory life insurance, group accidental death and dismemberment insurance, and group general or blanket hospital, surgical, medical, dental or other health insurance. Any governmental unit shall be governed by the definition of dependents set forth in this section. In all other respects the provision of such insurance benefits shall be in accordance with the terms, rates and rules promulgated for employees or retirees.

(c) In the event an employee or retiree as referred to in sub section (a) designates a person for coverage as a dependent as provided for in paragraph (a), the former spouse thereafter shall have the right, if so provided in said judgment, to continue to receive benefits as are available to the member or subscriber, by means of the additional premium rate determined by the appropriate public authority to be just and reasonable in accordance with the additional insuring risks involved.

(d) This section shall take effect in a city, town or regional school district or educational collaborative only if such city, town or regional school district or educational collaborative accepts this section pursuant to section 27C of chapter 29. A county, except

Worcester county, by vote of the county commissioners; a district, except as otherwise provided in this section, by vote of the registered voters of the district at a district meeting; a welfare district by vote of the district welfare committee; a health district established under section 27A of chapter 111 by vote of the joint committee may adopt the provisions of this section.

SECTION 17. This act shall take effect on the first day of the month next following 180 days after its passage."

Mr. Rosenberg in the Chair (having been appointed by the President, under authority of Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair), after debate, Messrs. Montigny, Pacheco and Havern, Ms. Walsh and Mr. Lynch moved that the pending amendment be amended striking the text and inserting the following:—

By striking out section 19 (contained in Senate, No. 2044) and inserting in place thereof the following two sections:—

SECTION 19. The group insurance commission shall conduct a study of the cost of extending public employee health benefits offered by the commission to a person, other than a person as defined in paragraph (d) of section 2 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, named by a public employee or retiree, including such person's unmarried children under the age of 19 years. The study shall consider such persons who shall be domiciled with such public employee or retiree, and who share financial responsibilities and expenses, who shall be at least 18 years of age and competent to contract, and who shall not be married to any other person. The commission shall report the results of its study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the senate on or before 90 days after the passage of this act.

SECTION 20. This act, except section 19, shall take effect on the first day of the month next following 180 days after its passage."

After remarks, the further amendment (Montigny, et als.) was adopted. The pending amendment (Walsh et als.) was then adopted, as amended. After debate the bill (Senate, No. 2048, printed as amended) was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill relative to administrative reforms in the unemployment insurance system (Senate, No. 5),— was considered, the main question being on ordering it to a third reading.

The pending amendment, previously moved by Messrs. Lees and Knapik, inserting after section 15 the following new sections:— "SECTION . Section 39 of chapter 151A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1, 19-20, 39, 41-42, and 48, the words or his authorized representative' and by striking out, in lines 22-23, the words before an impartial hearing officer designated by the commissioner."

SECTION . Subsection (b) of said section 41 of said chapter 151A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word rights', in line 16, the following words:— of the parties.

SECTION . Said subsection (b) of said section 41 of said chapter 151A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following new sentence:— Unless action is taken under section forty-two, the decision of the board shall be final with respect to the parties.",— was considered.

After debate, the question on adoption of the amendment was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at twenty-three minutes before five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Lees, as follows, to wit (yeas 6 — nays 31):

YEAS.

Knapik, Michael R.

Sprague, Jo Ann

Lees, Brian P.

Tarr, Bruce E.

Rauschenbach, Henri S.

Tisei, Richard R. — 6.

NAYS.

Antonioni, Robert A.

Glodis, Guy W.

Bernstein, Robert A.

Havern, Robert A.

Brewer, Stephen M.

Hedlund, Robert L.

Clancy, Edward J., Jr.

Jacques, Cheryl A.

Creedon, Robert S., Jr.

Jajuga, James P.

Creem, Cynthia Stone

Joyce, Brian A.

Fargo, Susan C.

Lynch, Stephen F.

Magnani, David P.

Resor, Pamela

Melconian, Linda J.
Montigny, Mark C.
Moore, Richard T.
Morrissey, Michael W.
Murray, Therese
Nuciforo, Andrea F., Jr.
Pacheco, Marc R.
Panagiotakos, Steven C.

Rosenberg, Stanley C.
Shannon, Charles E.
Tolman, Steven A.
Travaglini, Robert E.
Tucker, Susan C.
Walsh, Marian
Wilkerson, Dianne — 31.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Berry, Frederick E. — 1.

The yeas and nays having been completed at eighteen minutes before five o'clock P.M., the amendment was *rejected*.
Mr. Lynch moved that the bill be amended by inserting after section 5 the following two sections:—
"SECTION 5A. Section 28 of chapter 23G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 46, the words 'section 31 of chapter 23A' and inserting in place thereof the following:— section 2.
SECTION 5B. Subsection (n) of section 29A of said chapter 23G, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:— The provisions of subsections (d), (f) to (i), inclusive, and (l) of section 2 shall also apply to the members and affairs of the brownfields advisory group."
This amendment was adopted.
The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading.
The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Lynch, and the bill was read a third time, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading so as to read as follows: "An Act making certain administrative reforms in the unemployment insurance system."
The question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at eleven minutes before five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Lees, as follows, to wit (yeas 36— nays 0):

YEAS.

Antonioni, Robert A.
Bernstein, Robert A.
Brewer, Stephen M.
Clancy, Edward J., Jr.
Creedon, Robert S., Jr.
Creem, Cynthia Stone
Fargo, Susan C.
Glodis, Guy W.
Havern, Robert A.
Hedlund, Robert L.
Jacques, Cheryl A.
Jajuga, James P.
Joyce, Brian A.
Rosenberg, Stanley C.
Shannon, Charles E.
Sprague, Jo Ann

Knapik, Michael R.
Lees, Brian P.
Lynch, Stephen F.
Magnani, David P.
Melconian, Linda J.
Montigny, Mark C.
Moore, Richard T.
Morrissey, Michael W.
Murray, Therese
Nuciforo, Andrea F., Jr.
Pacheco, Marc R.
Panagiotakos, Steven C.
Resor, Pamela
Tolman, Steven A.
Travaglini, Robert E.
Tucker, Susan C.

Tarr, Bruce E.
Tisei, Richard R.

Walsh, Marian
Wilkerson, Dianne — 36.

NAYS —0.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Berry, Frederick E.

Rauschenbach, Henri S. — 2.

The yeas and nays having been completed at six minutes before five o'clock P.M., the bill (Senate, No. 5, amended) was passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill authorizing the city known as the town of Agawam to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2025),—**was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Engrossed Bill — Land Taking for Conservation, Etc.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Reading to transfer control of certain conservation land to the board of cemetery trustees (see House, No. 4323) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage,— was put upon its final passage; and, this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the question on passing it to be enacted was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at five minutes before five o'clock P.M., as follows, to wit (yeas 37 — nays 0):

YEAS.

Antonioni, Robert A.
Bernstein, Robert A.
Brewer, Stephen M.
Clancy, Edward J., Jr.
Creedon, Robert S., Jr.
Creem, Cynthia Stone
Fargo, Susan C.
Glodis, Guy W.
Havern, Robert A.
Hedlund, Robert L.
Jacques, Cheryl A.
Jajuga, James P.
Joyce, Brian A.
Knapik, Michael R.
Lees, Brian P.
Lynch, Stephen F.
Tolman, Steven A.
Travaglini, Robert E.

Magnani, David P.
Melconian, Linda J.
Montigny, Mark C.
Moore, Richard T.
Morrissey, Michael W.
Murray, Therese
Nuciforo, Andrea F., Jr.
Pacheco, Marc R.
Panagiotakos, Steven C.
Rauschenbach, Henri S.
Resor, Pamela
Rosenberg, Stanley C.
Shannon, Charles E.
Sprague, Jo Ann
Tarr, Bruce E.
Tisei, Richard R.
Walsh, Marian
Wilkerson, Dianne — 37.

Tucker, Susan C.

NAYS —0.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Berry, Frederick E. — 1.

The yeas and nays having been completed at two minutes before five o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having agreed to pass the same, and it was signed by the Acting President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Matters Taken Out of the Notice Section.

There being no objection, the following matters were taken out of the Notice Section of the Calendar and considered, as follows:

The Senate Bill relative to the town of Tisbury (Senate, No. 1958),— **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill relative to certain housing in the town of Groton (House No. 4318),— was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Panagiotakos moved that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following text:—

"The prohibition against age discrimination in paragraph 6 of section 4 of chapter 151B of the General Laws shall not apply to parcel M-137, the Old Hale Nursing Home, notwithstanding the failure of said parcel to contain at least five acres."

This amendment was adopted.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

The Senate Bill relative to septic systems (Senate, No. 1030) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),— **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill relative to members of financially troubled health maintenance organizations (see House, No. 4848, amended), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,— **was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted, in concurrence, by a vote of 8 to 0.**

The bill was signed by the President and sent to the House for enactment.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4897) of Thomas P. Kennedy, Robert S. Creedon, Jr., Christine E. Canavan and Geraldine Creedon (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that funds expended for the leasing of schools in the city of Brockton be applied to the net school spending requirement,— **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Education, Arts and Humanities.**

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:—
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Shannon) "congratulating Charles Scioli on the occasion of his eighty-sixth birthday".

Suspension of Senate Rule 38A.

Ms. Fargo moved that Senate Rule 38A be suspended to allow the Senate to continue in session beyond the hour of eight o'clock P.M.; and, there being no objection, on further motion of the same Senator, the rule was suspended without a recorded yeas and nays vote.

Recess.

The President in the Chair, there being no objection, at six minutes past five o'clock P.M., the President declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at eight minutes before six o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Melconian,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at twelve o'clock noon, and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.
