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UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



Monday, January 3, 2000.

Met at four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M.

Communication.

A communication from Michael G. Bellotti, Norfolk County Sheriff, submitting a plan of action letter in response to the inspection of the Dedham Alternative Center and the Norfolk County Correctional Center (received Monday, December 27, 1999),— **was placed on file.**

Reports.

The following reports were severally read and placed on file:

A report of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (under the provisions of Section 1E(d) of Chapter 164 of the General Laws) submitting its biannual report on mediation claims (received Wednesday, December 29, 1999);

A report of the Department of Correction (under the provisions of Section 16 of Chapter 123A of the General Laws) submitting its annual report regarding treatment offered to persons civilly committed to the Massachusetts Treatment Center for sexually dangerous persons (received Thursday, December 30, 1999);

A report of the Sex Offender Registry Board (under the provisions of Section 17 of Chapter 74 of the Acts of 1999) submitting its report relative to costs incurred to date (received Thursday, December 30, 1999);

A report of the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust (under the provisions of Section 17 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws) submitting its comprehensive annual financial report, including general purpose financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1999 (received Thursday, December 30, 1999); and

A report from Martin J. Benison, Comptroller (under the provisions of Section 12 of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting the Commonwealth's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1999 (received Thursday, December 30, 1999).

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 House bills

Providing for binding initiatives in towns (House, No. 2317, amended); and

Relative to foothold traps and certain other devices (House, No. 4884).

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Walsh) “congratulating Daniel Hollocher on the occasion of his Court of Honor”; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Walsh) “congratulating Daniel Saltzberg on the occasion of his Court of Honor”.

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered, as follows:

The House Bill relative to the intergovernmental agreement between the town of Millbury, the city of Worcester and the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority (House, No. 3520),— **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: “An Act authorizing an intergovernmental agreement among the town of Millbury, the city of Worcester and the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority.”**

Petition.

On motion of Mr. Moore, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended on the petition, presented by Mr. Brewer (accompanied by bill) of Stephen M. Brewer and Harold P. Naughton, Jr., for legislation relative to traveling expenses of justices of the Trial Court,— **and the same was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

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 Roland Archambault for legislation relative to the creation of an escrow account to provide for the redemption of defunct businesses’ outstanding gift certificates.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Ms. Fargo, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Commerce and Labor.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Recess.

There being no objection, at ten minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., the President declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at twelve minutes past twelve o’clock noon, the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the lease of certain parcels of land in the town of Natick (see Senate, No. 1785) (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 President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

On motion of Mr Tarr, at thirteen minutes past twelve o’clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet on Wednesday next at twelve o’clock noon.

[Under the provisions of Article X of the Amendments to the Constitution, the 1999 session of the General Court was dissolved on the day next preceding the first Wednesday of January, without any proclamation or other action of His Excellency the Governor.]

Attest:

PATRICK F. SCANLAN,

Clerk of the Senate.