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## UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



Thursday, January 21, 1999.

Met at six minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Melconian in the Chair).

### *Petitions.*

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Antonioni (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Julius Melbin for legislation relative to charitable tax deductions;

By the same Senator (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Katherine Larocco for legislation relative to the retirement of state college employees;

By the same Senator, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert A. Antonioni for legislation relative to credit cards;

By the same Senator, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert A. Antonioni for legislation to create a superannuation retirement benefit for teachers;

By the same Senator (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of George E. Progin for legislation relative to the pension benefits of veterans;

By Mr. Creedon, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert S. Creedon, Jr., Christine E. Canavan, Thomas P. Kennedy and Geraldine Creedon for legislation to establish the crime of trespass on a school bus;

By Mr. Havern, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert A. Havern for legislation relative to the wholesale sale of cigarettes;

By Ms. Murray (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dorothy Checchi-O'Brien for legislation to require written permission to hunt and/or trap on private land;

By the same Senator, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Therese Murray and Thomas J. O'Brien for legislation to provide funding to the Department of Public Health to conduct a study relative to leukemia risk associated with the Pilgrim nuclear power plant;

By Mr. Panagiotakos, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven C. Panagiotakos, Thomas A. Golden, Jr., David M. Nangle and Kevin J. Murphy for legislation to extend the reporting date for the special commission established to make an investigation and study of low income housing in the city of Lowell;

By Mr. Shannon, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Charles E. Shannon and the Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials, Inc., by Kevin F. Oliver, for legislation relative to the uniform procurement act;

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr and Anthony J. Verga (with the approval of the mayor and the city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Gloucester to establish betterment reserve funds;

By Ms. Wilkerson, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dianne Wilkerson that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the punishment of certain crimes committed against children; and

By the same Senator, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dianne Wilkerson for legislation relative to public hearings of the Group Insurance Commission;

**Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Mr. Knapik presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate No. 1317) of Michael R. Knapik and Nancy Flavin (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the charter of the town of Easthampton [Local approval received],— **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Local Affairs.**  
**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

### *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Sprague) "on the retirement of Suzanne Rivard", were considered forthwith, under suspension of the rules, moved by Mr. Berry, and adopted.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Sprague) "congratulating Christopher J. Lawrence of West Bridgewater upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout", were considered forthwith, under suspension of the rules, moved by Mr. Berry, and adopted.

### *Distinguished Guests.*

There being no objection, the Chair (Ms. Melconian) introduced, seated in the rear of the Chamber, Cheryl Hynes, the sister-in-law of Senator Berry. Mrs. Hynes was accompanied by her son, Joseph and his friend, Patrick Blais. They were the guests of Senator Berry.

### *Petition.*

On motion of Ms. Murray, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended on the petition, presented by Mr. Jajuga (by request), (accompanied by bill) of Mitchell Garabedian for legislation to require priests, rabbis or ordained or licensed ministers of any church or accredited Christian Science practitioners to report certain cases of child abuse,— **and the same was referred to the committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

### *Order Adopted.*

On motion of Ms. Fargo,—

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

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On motion of Mr. Knapik, at nine minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M.