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UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



Monday, January 24, 2000.

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

Communications.

The following communications were severally placed on file

Communication from Wonderland Greyhound Park, Inc. (under the provisions of Section 2 of Chapter 128C of the General Laws) submitting copies of supplemental contracts entered into by said corporation (received Friday, January 21, 2000); and

Communication from Michael G. Bellotti, Sheriff, Norfolk County, submitting a plan of action letter in response to the inspection of the Braintree Alternative Center (received Friday, January 21, 2000).

Reports.

Reports of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspections of Hodder House Pre-Release and the Massachusetts Treatment Center (received Friday, January 21, 2000),— **were read and sent to the House for its information.**

Petitions.

Mr. Knapik presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2078) of Michael R. Knapik and Daniel F. Keenan (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the transfer of land in the town of Russell [Local approval received],— **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Local Affairs.**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Ms. Jacques, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cheryl A. Jacques, Scott P. Brown, Robert J. Nyman and David P. Linsky for legislation relative to extending credits for the provision of paratransit services for the disabled;

By Mr. Morrissey, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael W. Morrissey for legislation prohibiting the use of paint ball guns; and

By Mr. Tolman (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Emile Rosenberg for legislation to provide for the election of a Commissioner of Education and Board of Education ;

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

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Panagiotakos, for the committee on Housing and Urban Development, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2066), an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Housing and Urban Development to make an investigation and study of Senate document numbered 2066, relative to the disposition of public housing (Senate, No. 2079);
Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Ms. Wilkerson, for the committee on State Administration, on petition, a Bill proclaiming June as Portuguese American month (Senate, No. 2073);
Read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Steering and Policy.

Ms. Melconian, for the committee on Rules, to whom was referred the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of various Senate documents relative to disability presumptions and retirement benefits and returning to work (Senate, No. 1790),— reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1241) of Michael R. Knapik and Cele Hahn (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to designate Robert L. Pais, a police officer in the city of Westfield, as permanently disabled; and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate Order relative to authorizing and directing the joint committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of various Senate documents relative to creditable service issues (Senate, No. 1879),— reports, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1248) of Brian P. Lees for legislation relative to teachers' retirement credit for service in Guam;
And recommending that the same severally be recommitted to the committee on Public Service.
Under Senate Rule 36, the reports were severally considered forthwith and accepted.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to the charter of the town of Swampscott (House, No. 4910,— on petition) [Local approval received],— **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Communications.

The Clerk read the following communication:

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

January 20, 2000.

Mr. Patrick Scanlan
Clerk of the Senate
State House, Room 335
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I was unable to be present in the Senate Chamber today for the Senate roll call votes on the following matters:
Senate 1739 - An Act for legislation to promote the protection of Cider Mill Park in the city of Worcester;
House 4766 - An Act relative to the compensation of certain public officials;
House 4882 - An Act relative to executive compensation and the Emergency Finance Board; and
House 4929 - An Act relative to conservation restrictions on certain land in the town of Shirley.

Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on each of the above matters. I respectfully request that this communication be noted in the record of the Senate. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
STEPHEN F. LYNCH,
State Senator.

On motion of Mr. Travaglini, the above statement was ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

The Clerk read the following communication:

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

January 20, 2000.

Mr. Patrick Scanlan
Clerk of the Senate
State House, Room 335
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I was unable to attend the formal session of the Senate on January 20, 2000.

Had I been present today, I would have voted in the affirmative on the questions of engrossing the following two bills: H. 4882, An Act Relative to Executive Compensation and the Emergency Finance Board, and H. 4766, An Act Increasing the Compensation of District Attorneys. I would have also voted in the affirmative on the following land takings: S. 1739 relative to the city of Worcester and H. 4929 relative to the town of Shirley.

Thank you for your consideration of this correspondence.

MARK C. MONTIGNY, *Senator*.

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

The Clerk read the following communication:

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

January 20, 2000.

The Honorable Patrick Scanlan
Clerk of the Senate
State House, Room 335
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I was unable to be present for today's Senate session (January 20, 2000), and therefore unable to be recorded on the following matters:

S1739 - A bill relative to the protection of Cider Mill Park in the City of Worcester (Enactment);
H4929 - A bill relative to the conservation restrictions on certain land owned in the town of Shirley (Enactment);
H4882 - A bill relative to executive compensation and the Emergency Finance Board (Engrossment); and
H4766 - A bill relative to the compensation of certain public officials (Engrossment).

Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on the above matters. I respectfully request that this letter be spread upon the record of the Senate.

Sincerely,
MARC R. PACHECO,
State Senator.

On motion of Mr. Bernstein, the above statement was ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Antonioni) "congratulating Assistant Chief Lawrence Paton on the occasion of his retirement from the Lunenburg Fire Department";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Berry) “on the dedication of the Ann Calderon Mental Health Center for Elders”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Magnani) “recognizing February 5, 2000 as “Cabin Fever Sports Festival Day” in the town of Framingham”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Montigny) “honoring Larry Roy on the occasion of his retirement”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco, Ms. Menard, Ms. Murray and Mr. Montigny) “honoring Anne Stempka for her many years of dedicated service to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management”; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tarr) “on the improvement of air service to Rome”.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

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

Authorizing the Dennis Water District to convey to the town of Dennis a certain parcel of land and easements (House, No. 4622); and

Relative to bonds of the Oak Bluffs Water District (House, No. 4675);

Were severally read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Senate Bill removing the residency requirement for a fortune teller’s license (Senate, No. 414) (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.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4985) of Nancy J. Caffyn relative to establishing the Mashpee economic development and industrial corporation;

Under suspension of Joint Rules 12 and 9, to the committee on Commerce and Labor.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4986) of Thomas N. George and other members of the General Court for legislation to authorize the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to issue distinctive motor vehicle plates for motorcycles to recipients of the Purple Heart and other veterans without additional charges;

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Safety.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Melconian,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Wednesday next at eleven o’clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Recess.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the President and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Relative to the practice of public accountancy (see Senate, No. 368); and

Further regulating the tax escrow requirements for certain mortgages (see House, No. 2085).

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