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## UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



Tuesday, February 16, 1999.

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

### **Distinguished Guests.**

The Chair (Ms. Melconian) introduced, seated in the rear of the Chamber, Drew and Joanne Webber. Mr. and Mrs. Webber are the owners of the Lowell Spinners, the Single A affiliation of the Boston Red Sox. They were the guests of Senator Panagiotakos.

The Chair also introduced, seated in the rear of the Chamber, Mrs. Mary Eager from the city of Holyoke. Mrs. Eager was congratulated on the occasion of her eighty-sixth birthday. Mrs. Eager was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Ann LeBlanc, also from the city of Holyoke. They were the guests of Senator Knapik.

### **Petitions.**

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Brewer, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Stephen M. Brewer, Stephen Kulik and Caryl O'Neil for legislation to authorize the State Employees' Retirement Board to pay a certain retirement benefit to the surviving spouse of John O'Neil; and  
By Mr. Lynch, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Stephen F. Lynch for legislation to require the Metropolitan District Commission to acquire certain parcels of land in South Boston;

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

### **Resolutions.**

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Knapik and Ms. Melconian) "honoring Sergeant Thomas W. O'Donnell, Sr., upon his retirement from the Chicopee Police Department";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Moore) "honoring Jessica Henderson"; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rauschenbach) "honoring the Cape & Islands Emergency Medical Services on the occasion of their twenty-fifth anniversary."

### **PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.**

Messages were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to imposing mandatory life sentences on repeat sex offenders (House, No. 3216);

**To the committee on Criminal Justice.**

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to reinstating civil commitment of sexually dangerous persons (House, No. 3217); and

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to imposing lifetime parole on all violent sex offenders (House, No. 3218);

**Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.**

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3794) of Michael J. Albano (mayor), Dennis M. Murphy and other members of the General Court (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the position of deputy fire chief of the fire department of the city of Springfield,— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

### **Order Adopted.**

On motion of Mr. Bernstein,—

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

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

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