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# UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



Monday, March 22, 1999.

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

# Communication.

A communication from the National White Collar Crime Center submitting a listing of nationwide criminal justice, regulatory and administrative agencies who work together on organized economic crime (received Thursday, March 11, 1999),— was placed on file.

## Reports.

A report of the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (under the provisions of Section 24 of Chapter 463 of the Acts of 1998) submitting a report on the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund for the period of August 5, 1998 through March 15, 1999 (received Tuesday, March 16, 1999),—was placed on file.

The following reports were severally read and sent to the House for its information:

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 certain correctional facilities in the Commonwealth:

Of the Franklin County Jail and House of Correction in the town of Greenfield (received Thursday, March 11, 1999);

Of the Pondville Correctional Center in the town of Norfolk (received Monday, March 15, 1999);

Of the M.C.I.-Cedar Junction in the town of Walpole (received Monday, March 15, 1999);

Of the Hillside Shelter Care in the city of Boston (received Monday, March 15, 1999); and

Of the Bay State Correctional Center in the town of Norfolk (received Monday, March 15, 1999); and

A report of the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission (under the provisions of section 24 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting a preliminary statement of operations for the lottery and arts lottery funds for the month of December, 1998 (received Friday, March 19, 1999).

## Reports of a Committee.

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, on petition, a Bill to provide a children's clothing allowance (Senate, No. 577);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to protecting the displacement of employees (Senate, No. 592);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to ensure public accountability in the Department of Transitional Assistance (Senate, No. 618); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill preventing homelessness among families receiving AFDC (Senate, No. 641);

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

#### Petitions.

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Hedlund, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert L. Hedlund for legislation relative to the helmet law standards; By the same Senator, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert L. Hedlund for legislation relative to modification of the helmet law;

By Mr. Shannon, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Charles E. Shannon, Vincent P. Ciampa, Steven C. Panagiotakos, Richard T. Moore and other members of the General Court for legislation to further regulate the siting of narcotic treatment programs in certain neighborhoods; and

By the same Senator, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Charles E. Shannon, Therese Murray, Steven C. Panagiotakos, Richard T. Moore and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to real estate tax abatements; Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4194) of Michael J. Albano (mayor), Dennis M. Murphy, Cheryl A. Rivera, Gale D. Candaras and Mary S. Rogeness (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the certification of certain provisional employees in the city of Springfield as permanent employees;

To the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4193) of Susan W. Pope and Susan C. Fargo (by vote of the town) that the town of Sudbury be authorized to establish a separate fund for the purpose of acquiring property for conservation purposes; **To the committee on Taxation.** 

#### Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were severally considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:—Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Brewer, Antonioni, Bernstein, Glodis and Moore) "on the occasion of the retirement of Edward McHugh";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Panagiotakos) "congratulating the town of Groton on the historic renovation of the Groton Town Hall and the rededication of its Civil War Memorial";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rauschenbach) "honoring Lieutenant Blaire W. Yakola on the occasion of her retirement from the Barnstable Fire Department"; and

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Sprague) "congratulating Shirley H. Schofield on receiving the Sharon Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year Award."

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A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4195) of Thomas P. Kennedy, Christine E. Canavan, Robert S. Creedon, Jr., and Geraldine Creedon (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the issuance of pension funding bonds by the city of Brockton,— was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

# 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: The Senate Bill relative to the charter of the town of Walpole (Senate, No. 956),— was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

# Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill authorizing the Rockland Sewer Commission to enter into a contract for the disposal of sewage (Senate, No. 1717),—was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

#### Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Natick to sell a certain building (printed as House, No. 693),— was read a third time. An amendment, presented by Ms. Jacques and Mr. Magnani, substituting a new draft entitled "An Act authorizing the town of Natick to sell certain real property" (Senate, No. 1740),— was considered; and it was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 1740) was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

# Reports 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 Cynthia S. Creem, Ronny M. Sydney, Michael W. Morrissey and Paul C. Demakis for legislation relative to the punishment for the crime of domestic violence.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Brewer, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Criminal Justice.

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 Nicholas C. Casey for legislation to increase the penalties of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquors.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Brewer, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Criminal Justice.

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 Robert E. Travaglini for legislation to improve insurer relations with physicians.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Brewer, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Health Care.

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 Robert L. Hedlund for legislation to regulate certain documents containing photographic images.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Brewer, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Safety.

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 George E. Progin for legislation relative to the pension benefits of veterans.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Brewer, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service.

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 Robert E. Travaglini, Robert A. DeLeo and Robert Hanlon for legislation to authorize and direct the reinstatement of Robert Hanlon as a member in service of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Brewer, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service.

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 Robert E. Travaglini for legislation to authorize the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to sell and convey a certain parcel of land in the city of Chelsea.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Brewer, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration.

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 Robert E. Travaglini that provision be made for a payment from the State Treasury to Nora O'Reilly.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Brewer, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by resolve) was referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Severally sent to the House for concurrence in the suspension of Joint Rule 12.

# Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Wilkerson,-

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

On motion of Mr. Tarr, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.