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UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



Monday, May 1, 2000.

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

Petitions.

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Ms. Creem (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Vincent Filippone for legislation relative to the elimination of deferred charges from assessors' determination of financial hardship exemptions; and

By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marc R. Pacheco, James H. Fagan, Philip Travis and Mary Lou Sudders, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health, for legislation to designate the recreation center at the Taunton State Hospital as the Richard "Ricky" Silvia recreation center;

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

Committees Discharged.

Ms. Melconian, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Senate Order authorizing the joint committee on Public Service to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document numbered 2170, regarding motor vehicle district office supervisors' retirement in the state police (Senate, No. 2179),— and recommending that the same be referred to the Senate committee on Rules.

Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2001 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 5101,— on House, No. 1A, in part),— **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

A Bill relative to the issuance of certain bonds by the town of Auburn (House, No. 4939,— on petition) [Local approval received],— **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Lynch) “on the retirement of Donald L. Devine, Superintendent of the Boston Police Department”;
Resolutions (filed by Ms. Melconian) “honoring Ruth Carr Bitzas of Agawam for her years of tireless service”;
Resolutions (filed by Ms. Melconian) “honoring Ann E. Geer for her contributions to the Springfield community”;
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Panagiotakos) “congratulating Charles and June Kennedy on receiving a 2000 Massachusetts Historical
Commission Preservation Award”; and
Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Sprague) “congratulating Paul McDonald on the occasion of his retirement.”

Communication.

The Clerk read the following communication:

OFFICE OF THE MAJORITY LEADER
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

May 1, 2000.

Patrick F. Scanlan
Clerk of the Senate
State House, Room 335

Dear Mr. Clerk:

The funeral of my dear and close friend Grace R. Diehl made it impossible for me to be present and vote at the formal Senate session on Thursday, April 27.

Had I been able to be present in the Senate Chamber I would have voted Yes on each of the following four bills: Senate Bill 2181, a bill making supplemental appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2000, House Bill 5116, a bill to improve teacher recruitment, retention and retirement, Senate Bill 1718, a bill providing for the conveyance of certain land in Rowley, and House Bill 5003, a bill relative to the compensation of certain members of the legislative committee on Education, Arts and Humanities.

I ask that this communication be read and printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
LINDA J. MELCONIAN,
Majority Leader.

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

Order Adopted.

Mr. Joyce offered the following order, to wit:—

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the joint committee on Public Service be granted until Friday, June 30, 2000, within which to make its final report on Senate document numbered 2072.

There being no objection, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Orders Adopted.

The following House orders (severally approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) were severally considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence, to wit:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Service be granted until Friday, June 30, 2000 the time within which to make its final report on current House document numbered 5012; and

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, be granted until Wednesday, May 10, 2000 the time within which to report on current House documents numbered 5067 and 5076.

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 Timothy E. Maginnis for legislation to promote consistency in Department of Environmental Protection enforcement actions.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Bernstein, and the report was considered forth. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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 Richard T. Moore and George N. Peterson, Jr., for legislation relative to designating the 181st Engineer Battalion building in the town of Northbridge as the Rosaire J. Rajotte National Guard Armory.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Bernstein, and the report was considered forth. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration. Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 5133) of John A. Hart, Jr., and other members of the General Court relative to establishing standards for vapor recovery systems at certain motor vehicle fuel dispensing facilities;

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 5134) of Anthony P. Giglio and another for legislation to require taxi cabs to be equipped with rear safety belts;

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 5135) of Harriett L. Stanley and Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the discontinuance of soundings of train whistles at railroad crossings in the town of Newbury;

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

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 charter of the town of Truro (House, No. 4321),— was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Rauschenbach presented amendments, the text of which are printed in Senate document numbered 2185.

The amendments were adopted.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendments.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendments.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Shannon,—

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

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