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## UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



Wednesday, July 5, 2000.

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

### *Reports of Committees.*

By Ms. Walsh, for the committee on Taxation, on Senate, Nos. 2186, 2205, 2206 and 2207, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Taxation to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to taxation matters (Senate, No. 2235);

**Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

By Mr. Creedon, for the committee on the Judiciary, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Joseph McMann, an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 2233);

**Read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

By Ms. Wilkerson, for the committee on State Administration, on petition, a Bill designating the recreation center at the Taunton State Hospital as the Richard "Ricky" Silvia recreation center (Senate, No. 2229);

**Read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Steering and Policy.**

Mr. Brewer, for the committee on Steering and Policy, reported that the following matters be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House bills

Relative to increasing reinsurance capacity in the Commonwealth (House, No. 994, amended);

Relative to the review of certain condominium financial reports (House, No. 1954);

Relative to the possession, transport, use or placement of a hoax device (House, No. 3423); and

Further establishing the rights of innkeepers (House, No. 4890).

### *Committee Discharged.*

Mr. Clancy, for the committee on Rules, to whom was referred the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Taxation to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of Senate documents relative to property taxes (Senate, No. 1809), reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1593) of Richard T. Moore and David P. Magnani for legislation relative to district improvement financing;

The same Senator, for the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Taxation to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of Senate documents relative to personal income taxes (Senate, No. 1814), reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1598) of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, by Richard C. Lord, Richard T. Moore, the Massachusetts Society of Public Accountants, by Theodore J. Flynn, and other members of the General Court for legislation to update the state's tax code;

The same Senator, for the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Taxation to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents, relative to corporate taxation (Senate, No. 1824), reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1562) of Stephen F. Lynch, Richard T. Moore, Robert M. Koczera, Martin J. Walsh and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to limited liability corporations; and

The same Senator, for the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate Order relative to authorizing and directing the joint committee on Taxation to make an investigation and study of various Senate documents relative to excise, income, property and sales taxes (Senate, No. 1883), reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1641) of Richard R. Tisei and Brian M. Cresta for legislation relative to the deferral of water and sewer charges for certain senior citizens sixty-five years of age and over; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1649) of Henri S. Rauschenbach, Nancy J. Caffyn and Brian P. Lees for legislation to extend the rent deduction to rent paid by resident military personnel stationed outside Massachusetts for residences outside the state;

And recommending that the same severally be recommitted to the committee on Taxation.

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

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

A communication from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC) submitting rules and regulations governing retirement of public employees in the Commonwealth (House, No. 5311),— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to designating a certain cable-stayed bridge spanning the Charles River as the Leonard P. Zakim Freedom Bridge (House, No. 5303),— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Transportation.**

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5313) of Shirley Gomes and Henri S. Rauschenbach (by vote of the town) that the town of Orleans be authorized to establish an affordable housing trust fund; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5314) of Anthony J. Verga and Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) relative to certain subdivisions of land in the city of Gloucester;  
**Severally to the committee on Local Affairs.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5315) of Kevin G. Honan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to benefits paid by the retirement board of the city of Boston;  
**To the committee on Public Service.**

#### ***Communication.***

The Clerk read the following communication:

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

June 30, 2000.

Mr. Patrick F. Scanlan  
*Senate Clerk*  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Due to a previously scheduled commitment, I was unable to attend the Joint Session on Wednesday, June 28, 2000 and therefore missed all recorded roll call votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on both matters, including the question of the legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the effective date of state Legislative and Executive Councilor redistricting and the amendment to the Constitution relative to the voting rights of incarcerated persons.

I request for this statement to be printed in the next available Senate Journal. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,  
ROBERT A. ANTONIONI,  
*State Senator,*  
*Worcester and Middlesex District.*

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

***Resolutions.***

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Murray) “recognizing the Cape Verdean Festival in Onset.”

***Report of Committees.***

By Mr. Clancy, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Vincent Filippone for legislation relative to the elimination of deferred charges from assessors’ determination of financial hardship exemptions.

**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 Taxation.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

*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 twenty-five minutes before five o’clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair.

**PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.**

***Engrossed Bill.***

An engrossed Bill establishing a land bank fund in the town of Mendon (see House, No. 5125) (which originated in the House), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and was signed by the President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

***Order Adopted.***

On motion of Mr. Tarr,—

*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 twenty-four minutes before five o’clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at eleven o’clock A.M.

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