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## UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



Thursday, September 23, 1999.

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

### *Distinguished Guests.*

The President introduced Mary Johnson and Peter Finnegan from Dublin, the Republic of Ireland. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Finnegan both work for the Irish Parliament, and are spending the month in our legislature. Ms. Johnson, a solicitor and senior draftsman, will be committing her time in the Office of the Senate Counsel while Mr. Finnegan will spend his time with both the Senate and House Clerk's Offices.

### *Petition.*

Ms. Creem (by request) presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nico M. Lang for legislation relative to the Registry of Motor Vehicles' recognition of acromesamili skeletal dysplasia as a condition warranting handicapped parking privileges,— **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

### *Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. Antonioni, for the committee on Education, Arts and Humanities, on Senate, Nos. 279 and 1976 and House, Nos. 2106, 3436, 3437 and 3447, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Education, Arts and Humanities to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of certain current documents relative to educational matters (Senate, No. 1995);

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

### *Committee Discharged.*

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 collective bargaining and binding arbitration (Senate, No. 1791), reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1307) of Michael W. Morrissey for legislation to provide for employment contracts for deputy police chiefs,— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Public Service.

Ms. Melconian, for the committee on Rules, to whom was referred the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Service to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making and investigation and study of various Senate documents relative to employment benefits (Senate, No. 1910), reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1203) of Guy W. Glodis and Robert A. Bernstein for legislation relative to the transfer of certain benefits for Worcester County court officers,— and recommending that the same be

recommitted to the committee on Public Service.

**Under Senate Rule 36, the reports were severally considered forthwith and accepted.**

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

A Bill relative to disclosure of information to the state police violent fugitive arrest squad (House, No. 130,— on a part of House, No. 127),— **having been previously read on Thursday, September 16, was referred, under Senate Rule 26, to the committee on Steering and Policy.**

#### **Bills**

Validating the acts and proceedings of the annual town meeting held in the town of Halifax (printed in House, No. 4299,— being a message from His Excellency the Governor); and

Relative to dangerous dogs (House, No. 4750,— on House, No. 408);

**Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Steering and Policy.**

#### **Bills**

Authorizing the establishment of the Wood Road betterment fund in the town of Braintree (House, No. 4141,— on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Relative to the conservation commission of the town of Weston (House, No. 4628,— on petition) [Local approval received];

**Were severally 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. Berry) "congratulating Robert Gibeley on the occasion of his retirement from the Peabody school system";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brewer) "in recognition of Lucia Provo's retirement after 30 years of service in the field of education";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Joyce) "honoring Lance Corporal Thomas M. Casey, Jr.";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Morrissey) "celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of Reverend Elden David John Zuern"; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Shannon) "congratulating Robert J. L. Publicover on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday."

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

The following communication was read by the Clerk:

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

September 22, 1999.

Mr. Patrick F. Scanlan  
*Senate Clerk*  
State House, Room 335  
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

On Thursday, September 16, 1999 due to a previously scheduled commitment, I was unable to be present for the roll call votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on both questions relating to the enactment on Senate, No. 1945, overriding the Governor's reduction of item 6037-0019 contained in section 2B and his disapproval of section 2F of the engrossed Bill providing for an accelerated transportation development program for the Commonwealth.

Concerning the question on Senate Bill No. 1988, relative to community preservation, I would have voted in the negative.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

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

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

***Petitions.***

Mr. Moore presented the following petitions (the second of which was filed by request) and, on motion of Ms. Murray, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended and the petitions were referred, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Richard T. Moore, Guy W. Glodis, Stanley C. Rosenberg, Mary Jeanette Murray and other members of the General Court and another for legislation to further regulate the penalties for operating under the influence;  
**To the committee on Criminal Justice.**

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Walter Unruh for legislation to penalize the Director of the Executive Office of Public Safety for failing to issue expiration notices to firearm identification holders;

**To the committee on Public Safety.**

**Severally sent to the House for concurrence.**

***Report 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 Linda J. Melconian and Daniel F. Keenan (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Agawam to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises.

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tolman, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Government Regulations.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.**

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4765) of Anne M. Paulsen, Steven A. Tolman and David F. Gately (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Belmont to establish a nonprofit housing corporation;

**Under suspension of Joint Rules 12 and 9, to the committee on Housing and Urban Development.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4766) of David T. Donnelly, Robert S. Creedon, Jr., and Salvatore F. DiMasi relative to the compensation of certain public officials;

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4763) of Ruth W. Provost and Therese Murray relative to the Wareham and Onset fire districts;

**Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Local Affairs.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4762) of Brian Paul Golden that internal public safety investigations be exempt from public disclosure requirements;

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4764) of Stephen Kulik, Stephen M. Brewer and Stanley C. Rosenberg for legislation to designate a certain portion of routes 47 and 63/10 a scenic byway;

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

***Engrossed Bills.***

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the House), 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:

Authorizing the town of Norfolk to incur debt for the purpose of removing overhead utilities, replacing with underground facilities, and authorizing a surcharge to do the same (see House, No. 692);

Designating a certain interchange in the city of Woburn as the James McKeown Interchange (see House, No. 2257);

Relative to the position of deputy chief of police of the city of Holyoke (see House, No. 4072); and

Authorizing the town of Webster to accept easements in the state of Connecticut (see House, No. 4238).

***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 authorizing the town of Amherst to convey a certain easement (House, No. 288),— **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

***Order Adopted.***

On motion of Ms. Melconian,—

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday 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. Tarr, at nine minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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