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## UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



Monday, October 4, 1999.

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

### ***Reports.***

The following reports were severally read and placed on file:

A report of the Group Insurance Commission (under Section 20 of Chapter 32A of the General Laws) submitting its third annual report on vendor quality improvement activities (received Thursday, September 30, 1999); and

A report of the Director of the Biological Laboratories of the University of Massachusetts (under the provisions of Section 43(f) of Chapter 75 of the General Laws) submitting its third annual report of the activities of said biologic laboratories for the fiscal year 1998 (received Friday, October 1, 1999).

### ***Petition.***

Mr. Antonioni presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert A. Antonioni for legislation to authorize Fitchburg State College to construct a college arts center in the city of Fitchburg,— **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

### ***Reports of Committees.***

By Mr. Nuciforo, for the committee on Banks and Banking, on House, Nos. 12, 1131, 1135 and 3219, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Banks and Banking to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of certain current House documents (Senate, No. 2003);

By Mr. Morrissey, for the committee on Government Regulations, on Senate, Nos. 387 and 1014, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Government Regulations 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 licensure (Senate, No. 2009);

By Mr. Creedon, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, Nos. 760 and 796, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on the Judiciary to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents (Senate, No. 2002); and

By Mr. Magnani, for the committee on Taxation, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1991), 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 Senate document numbered 1991 relative to income tax (Senate, No. 2012);

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

By Mr. Moore, for the committee on Health Care, on petition, a Bill further regulating open enrollment periods of health plans offering coverage to senior and disabled citizens (Senate, No. 1994);

By Mr. Pacheco, for the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No 1042), a

Bill establishing a water resources conservation and efficiency program (Senate, No. 2006);  
By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 988), a Bill establishing old-growth forest reserves (Senate, No. 2007);  
By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 987), a Bill relative to the Massachusetts sustainable development act (Senate, No. 2008); and  
By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to protect the natural and historic resources of the Commonwealth (printed as House, No. 2046); and  
By Ms. Wilkerson, for the committee on State Administration, on petition, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land located in the city of Boston (Senate, No. 1982); and  
By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1401 and House, No. 3929, a Bill relative to the identification, rehabilitation, maintenance and protection of burial grounds and cemeteries located on any current or former state-owned lands at public facilities of the Commonwealth, and for the establishment of the Commonwealth public facilities burial ground and cemetery preservation fund (Senate, No. 2011);  
**Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

By Mr. Morrissey, for the committee on Government Regulations, on petition, a Bill authorizing the issuance of two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the city of Pittsfield (Senate, No. 1929) [Local approval received];  
**Read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

### ***Committees Discharged.***

Mr. Antonioni, for the committee on Education, Arts and Humanities, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1927) of Stephen M. Brewer, Mary S. Rogeness and David H. Tuttle for legislation to validate the action taken at a special district meeting and a special district election of the Tantasqua Regional School District,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Election Laws.  
**Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.**  
**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Mr. Pacheco, for the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1051) of Bruce E. Tarr, Barry R. Finegold, Pamela Resor, Susan C. Fargo and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish an environmental technology fund to provide resources for projects which benefit the natural resources and environment of the Commonwealth,— and recommending that the same be referred to the Senate committee on Ways and Means.  
**Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.**  
**Sent to the House for concurrence in the discharge of the joint committee.**

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

A communication from the Division of Energy Resources (under Section 11G of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting regulations relative to oversight and coordination of electric ratepayer funded energy efficiency activities (House, No. 4691),—  
**was considered forthwith, under suspension of Senate Rule 36, and accepted.**

A Bill relative to the compensation of a town clerk upon certification (House, No. 1992, amended,— on petition),— **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Steering and Policy.**

A Bill authorizing the city of Taunton to pay a percentage of life and health insurance premiums for Richard Castro (House, No. 4665,— on petition) [Local approval received],— **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

A report of the committee on Banks and Banking, asking to be discharged from further consideration of so much of the message from Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor, recommending legislation relative to a consumers right to privacy (House, No. 4483) (as relates to section 39),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Criminal Justice,— **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

### ***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 authorizing the city of Haverhill to grant certain easements to Portland Natural Gas Transmission System and Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (Senate, No. 1801),— **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The Senate Bill relative to the Whittier Regional School District Committee (Senate, No. 1218),— **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.**

#### **PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.**

A Bill authorizing an increase in the number of trustees of the President and Trustees of Williams College (House, No. 4710,— on petition),— was read.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Brewer, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: "An Act relative to the number of trustees of Williams College."**

#### **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 Danvers to issue an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4414),— **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

#### ***Resolutions.***

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:—  
Resolutions (filed by Ms. Jacques) "on the occasion of the three hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of the town of Sherborn."

#### ***Recess.***

There being no objection, at five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Ms. Melconian) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at one minute past five o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair.

#### **PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.**

#### **Engrossed Bill.**

An engrossed Bill establishing the crime of trespass on a school bus (Senate, No. 1732) (which originated in the Senate), **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. Tisei,—

*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. Tisei, at two minutes past five o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.

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