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UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



Thursday, November 16, 2000.

Met at three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Melconian in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Distinguished Guest.

The Chair (Ms. Melconian) introduced, seated in the rear of the Chamber, Mr. Joseph Falzone, the author of "Ode to Massachusetts". Mr. Falzone thereupon gave the members of the Senate, the staff and guests a rendition of "Ode to Massachusetts". Mr. Falzone was the guest of Senator Travaglini. On motion of Mr. Bernstein, the words sung by Mr. Falzone were ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

"Ode to Massachusetts"
Freedom, Freedom, Freedom
From the Freedom Trail in Boston
To the Dome on Beacon Hill
To Framingham and Worcester
And Springfield if you will
From Concord on to Lexington
No matter where you roam
There's a not so common Commonwealth
It's the place that I call home.

You are the heart of New England
Old Ironsides and Bunker Hill
Where JFK once paved the way
To the day the world stood still
Your One By Land and Two By Sea
Helped set our country free
You can't get better MASSACHUSETTS
You'll always be sweet home to me.
No, you can't get better MASSACHUSETTS
You'll always be sweet home to me.
Freedom, Freedom, Freedom.

Communications.

A communication was received from the Minority Leader announcing the following appointments:

The Senator from Plymouth and Norfolk, Mr. Hedlund, to the advisory committee established (pursuant to section 32 of chapter 141 of the Acts of 2000) relative to establishing a consolidated system of health care financing;

The Senator from Hampden and Hampshire, Mr. Knapik, will replace the Senator from Cape and Islands, Mr. Rauschenbach, on the special commission established (pursuant to section 139 of chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000) relative to foundation budget review.

A communication from the Boston Red Sox (under the provisions of Section 4(f) of Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2000) relative to reporting dates of quarterly reports (received Wednesday, November 8, 2000),— **was placed on file.**

Reports.

The following reports were severally read and placed on file:

A report of the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation (under the provisions of Section 10 of Chapter 221A of the General Laws) submitting a copy of its 2000 annual report (received Tuesday, November 14, 2000); and

A report of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority (under the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 87 of the Acts of 2000) submitting its quarterly report on the status of the Central Artery Project (received Wednesday, November 15, 2000).

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

A report of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspection of the Northampton County Jail and House of Correction (received Wednesday, November 8, 2000);

A report of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Section 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspection of Lancaster M.C.I. (received Friday, November 10, 2000); and

A report of the Bureau of Special Investigations (under the provisions of Section 15D (6) of Chapter 22 of the General Laws) submitting its report for the month of September, 2000 (received Tuesday, November 14, 2000).

Petition.

Mr. Tolman presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven A. Tolman (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to qualifying contractors bidding on Waltham school construction projects based on their workers compensation experience modification factor [Local approval received],— **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5481) of Marie J. Parente and Richard T. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Milford to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5482) of John H. Rogers, Jo Ann Sprague and Scott P. Brown (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Walpole to issue an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises;

Severally to the committee on Government Regulations.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5483) of Robert S. Hargraves and Steven C. Panagiotakos (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the conservation commission of the town of Groton to impose fees for the employment of outside

consultants;

To the committee on Local Affairs.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5484) of Ruth W. Provost and Therese Murray (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Wareham to pay health insurance premiums for survivors of certain deceased town employees; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5485) of Ruth W. Provost and Therese Murray (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Wareham to pay certain insurance premiums for the widow and children of Christopher Argentinis;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Communication.

The following communication, received by the Clerk from the Office of the President, was read by the Clerk, as follows:

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

November 15, 2000.

The Honorable Thomas F. Birmingham
Senate President
The State House, Room 332
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of changes in the Republican leadership resulting from the resignation of Senator Henri Rauschenbach. These changes should commence immediately and be effective through the remainder of the 1999-2000 legislative session.

Senator Michael Knapik and Senator Bruce Tarr are resigning from the positions of Second Assistant Minority Leader and Third Assistant Minority Leader, respectively.

Senator Knapik is appointed to take Senator Rauschenbach's position as the ranking Republican member of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Tarr is appointed to the position of Second Assistant Minority Leader, formerly held by Senator Knapik, and Senator Robert Hedlund is appointed to the position of Third Assistant Minority Leader, formerly held by Senator Tarr.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. Please contact me should you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,
BRIAN P. LEES,
Minority Leader.

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

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Bernstein and Glodis) “congratulating Christine Smith Collins on her Olympic achievement”; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Panagiotakos) “honoring Captain Charles N. Koulias of the United States Marines.”

Petition.

On motion of Mr. Bernstein, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended on the petition, presented by Mr. Jajuga (accompanied by bill) of James P. Jajuga, Dianne Wilkerson, Stanley C. Rosenberg, Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to further regulating the collection of certain data relative to the stopping of motor vehicles,— **and the same was referred to the committee on Public Safety.**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Bill Recalled from the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Bernstein, it was voted that a messenger be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, requesting the return to the Senate of the engrossed Bill establishing the Bourne Financial Development Corporation (see House, No. 4250).

Mr. Bernstein was appointed the messenger. Subsequently, the bill was returned to the Senate.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the conveyance of real property by the Commonwealth in the town of Falmouth (see House, No. 5309, amended), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,— **was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted, in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0. The bill was signed by the Acting President and sent to the House for enactment.**

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill designating “Ode to Massachusetts” as the Ode of the Commonwealth (see Senate, No. 1482) (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 Acting President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bernstein,—

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. Tisei, at eleven minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Monday at eleven o’clock A.M.
