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# UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



Monday, November 29, 1999.

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).

## Petition.

Mr. Antonioni presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas F. Reilly, Attorney General, Robert A. Antonioni, Robert S. Hargraves, Peter J. Koutoujian and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to establishing the crime of communicating a terroristic threat,— 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. Creedon, for the committee on the Judiciary, on petition, a Bill relative to the Worcester Housing Court (Senate, No. 2047);

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

#### PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to the payment of pensions (House, No. 2611,— on petition),— was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

#### **Engrossed Bill.**

An engrossed Bill relative to the estate of homestead (see Senate, No. 782) (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.

## **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 Cynthia S. Creem, Richard T. Moore, Christine E. Canavan, Carol C. Cleven and other members of the General Court for legislation to increase participation in children's health insurance programs through school enrollment data collection.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Ms. Murray, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Education, Arts and Humanities.

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 Cynthia S. Creem, Brian Paul Golden and Dawn Edell for legislation relative to the guaranty fund for home improvement contractors.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Ms. Murray, 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.

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 Stephen M. Brewer and Stephen Kulik for legislation relative to exempting Athol Memorial Hospital from compliance liability to the Uncompensated Care Trust Fund.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Ms. Murray, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Health Care.

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 Barbara Grover, Cynthia S. Creem and Brian P. Golden for legislation relative to studying emergency aid to the elderly, disabled, and children.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Ms. Murray, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

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 Cynthia S. Creem for legislation relative to the removal of those resident minor children whose custody is subject to probate court jurisdiction from the Commonwealth.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Ms. Murray, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

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 Cynthia S. Creem for legislation relative to officials taking bail and persons admitted to bail. Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Ms. Murray, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

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 Nico M. Lang for legislation relative to the Registry of Motor Vehicles' recognition of Acromesamilik Skeletal Dysplasia as a condition warranting handicapped parking privileges.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Ms. Murray, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Safety. Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

# 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 rural cemetery in the city of Worcester (House, No. 3613),— 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 Mr. Bernstein,-

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