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UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



Thursday, December 7, 2000.

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

Communications.

The following communications were severally placed on file:

Communication from the joint committee on Public Safety (under the provisions of Section 2 of Chapter 294 of the Acts of 2000) submitting their recommendations relative to a safe ride program (received Friday, December 1, 2000); and

Communication from the Human Resources Division (under the provisions of Section 25 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws) relative to the revocation of certain eligibility lists (received Monday, December 4, 2000).

Reports.

A report of the Department of Education (under the provisions of Section 89 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws) submitting a summarized make-up of students enrolled in charter schools (received Wednesday, November 29, 2000),— **was placed on file.**

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

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 October, 2000 (received Thursday, November 30, 2000); and

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 its inspections of the Billerica House of Correction (received Friday, December 1, 2000).

Committee Change.

The President announced the resignation of Senator Moore of Worcester and Norfolk as a member of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and the appointment of Senator Nuciforo of Berkshire, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin to fill the vacancy.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5503) of Reed V. Hillman and Stephen M. Brewer (by vote of the town) relative to health insurance for retired employees of the town of Ware,— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

A Bill relative to payment of betterment assessments (House, No. 5158, on petition),— **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Steering and Policy.**

The Senate Bill establishing the Pittsfield Civic Authority (Senate, No. 2305),— came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, *with an amendment* in section 10 by striking out the following sentence: “The construction of such stadium shall be pursuant to a project labor agreement.”

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Nuciforo, and the House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), 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:

Relative to the charter of the town of Walpole (see Senate, No. 2062, amended); and

Providing for the entry of the Commonwealth into the interstate emergency management assistance compact (see House Bill, printed as Senate, No. 1146, amended).

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Bernstein) “recognizing Elsie E. Alexander for her distinguished military service”;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Creem) “commemorating the celebration of Hanukkah”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Travaglini) “congratulating E. Arthur King on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday”; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Wilkerson) “honoring Dr. Marlyne M. Campbell.”

Bill Previously Recalled from the Governor Laid Before the Senate.

The engrossed Bill establishing the Bourne Financial Development Corporation (see House, No. 4250) which, at a previous session, had been returned by His Excellency the Governor, at the request of the Senate,— was laid before the Senate. There being no objection, on motion of Mr. Hedlund, the Senate reconsidered the vote by which, at a previous session, it had passed the bill to be enacted.

On motion of the same Senator, Senate Rule 49 was suspended.

Ms. Murray presented the following amendment, in section 3, by striking out, in the first sentence, the words “body corporate” and inserting in place thereof the following words:— “public body politic and corporate”; in section 7, by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

“Any borrowing by the town of Bourne for purposes contained in this section shall not be included for the purpose of computation of the debt limits otherwise imposed upon municipalities by the General Laws.”; and by striking out section 15.

**The amendment was adopted.
Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.**

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 to protect patient confidentiality (Senate, No. 789),— **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: “An Act establishing a privilege for certain communications between mental health counselors and their patients.”**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill relative to obscene material (Senate, No. 2255),— **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.

The House bills

Further defining privileged and confidential communications with a psychologist (House No. 4363); and

Relative to the South Grafton Water District (House, No. 4942);

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The House Bill relative to the civil liability of qualified psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialists (House, No. 4971),— **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to the compensation of an interim police chief in the town of Seekonk (House, No. 5497,— being a message from Her Honor the Lieutenant Governor, Acting Governor),— was read.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Nuciforo, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Committee Change.

The President announced the resignation of Senator Nuciforo of Berkshire, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin as a member of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and the reappointment of Senator Moore of Worcester and Norfolk thereto.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Nuciforo,—

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.

Recess.

There being no objection, at sixteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the President declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at twenty minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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Establishing the Pittsfield Civic Authority (see Senate, No. 2305, amended); and

Relative to sewer betterment assessment (see House Bill, printed as Senate, No. 2139).

On motion of Mr. Hedlund, at nineteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M.
