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## UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



Monday, December 13, 1999.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

### ***Reports.***

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) submitting a copy of the inspection of the Berkshire County House of Corrections (received Friday, December 10, 1999); and  
A report of the Special Commission on Forest Management Practices (under the provisions of Section 341 of Chapter 38 of the Acts of 1995, as most recently amended by Section 266 of Chapter 194 of the Acts of 1998) submitting a report on forest management practices (Senate, No. 2060) (received Monday, December 6, 1999).

The following reports were severally read and placed on file:

A report of the Department of Corrections (under the provisions of Section 16 of Chapter 123A of the General Laws) submitting its report, Plan for the Administration and Management of the Massachusetts Treatment Center for Sexually Dangerous Persons (received Friday, December 10, 1999); and

A report of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (under the provisions of Section 113 of Chapter 93 of the General Laws) submitting its annual slamming report (received Wednesday, December 8, 1999).

### ***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 Stephen F. Lynch for legislation relative to exempting certain students from the charter school cap.

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Nuciforo, 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 Stephen F. Lynch and John A. Hart, Jr., for legislation relative to the South Boston district court.

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Nuciforo, 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 Stephen F. Lynch, John A. Hart, Jr., and Janice R. Connolly for legislation relative to breast cancer license plates.

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Nuciforo, 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.**

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 Joan Hogan for legislation relative to inmate work release programs in facilities used by children or the disabled.

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Nuciforo, 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.**

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 F. Lynch, Martin J. Walsh, David T. Donnelly and other members of the General Court for legislation to authorize the sale of "Invest In Youth Hockey" distinctive registration plates.

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Nuciforo, 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.**

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

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4929) of Patricia A. Walrath and Pamela P. Resor (by vote of the town) relative to conservation restrictions on certain land in the town of Shirley,— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Local Affairs.**

A report of the committee on Housing and Urban Development, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2051) of Michael W. Morrissey, A. Stephen Tobin, Ronald Mariano and Bruce J. Ayers (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to governmentally involved housing in the city of Quincy, and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Ways and Means,— **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence, insomuch as relates to the discharge of the joint committee.**

#### ***Emergency Preamble Adopted.***

An engrossed Bill authorizing certain structures to be exempted from certain harbor lines in the city of Boston (see House, No. 4779), 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 3 to 0. The bill was signed by the President and sent to the House for enactment.**

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

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

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

A Bill relative to payment of local real estate taxes (House, No. 4926,— on Senate, No. 2058),— 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, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: "An Act relative to payment of local real estate taxes and the Brownfields Advisory Group."**

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

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

#### ***House Order — Adopted.***

The following House Order (approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence, to wit:

*Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the joint committee on Government Regulations be granted until Wednesday, December 15, 1999, within which time to make its final report on House document numbered 4794.

## PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Emergency Preamble Adopted; Engrossed Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill relative to payment of local real estate taxes and the Brownfields Advisory Group (see House Bill, No. 4926), 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.**

**Subsequently, the bill, which originated in the House, came from the House with the endorsement that it had been enacted in that branch.**

**The Senate then passed the bill to be enacted; and it was signed by the Acting President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

### *Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Lees,—

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday 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 twenty-two minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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