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UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

Monday, April 29, 2002.

Met at seven 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).

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Nuciforo, for the committee on Banks and Banking, on Senate, No. 15 and House, No. 3034, a Bill relative to bank and credit union employees retirement associations (Senate, No. 2338);
Read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor, relative to providing for a tax amnesty program for increased discovery and collection of delinquent tax obligations (House, No. 5039),— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Taxation.**

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5035) of Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Alice K. Wolf, Jarrett T. Barrios and Paul C. Demakis (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the retirement of certain police officers in the city of Cambridge,— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

Bills

Relative to the public distribution of free smoking or tobacco products (House, No. 235, amended,— on petition); and

Relative to nuclear power plants (House, No. 4913, amended,— on House, No. 2507);
Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

A Bill relative to school committee members (House, No. 783, changed and amended,— on petition),— **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Steering and Policy.**

Bills

Relative to the charter of the city of Chelsea (House, No. 4820,— on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Authorizing the town of Somerset to issue an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4827,— on petition) [Local approval received];
Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Knapik) “honoring Joseph D. LoBello”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Lees and Ms. Melconian) “on the occasion of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the YMCA of Greater Springfield”; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Resor) “congratulating Sheila E. Shea on her induction as the president of the Massachusetts General Federation of Women’s Clubs.”

Report of Committees.

By Ms. Menard, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Robert A. Havern, Anne M. Paulsen, Carol A. Donovan, William G. Greene, Jr. and Charles A. Murphy for legislation relative to biochemical weapons.
Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Travaglini, 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.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5047) of Patricia A. Haddad and Joan M. Menard for legislation to authorize the Trial Court to establish a sick leave bank for Holly Andersen, an employee of said court,— **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.**

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 Senate Bill relative to the charter of the town of Eastham (Senate, No. 2225),— **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.
Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill providing for the annual observance of Luther Burbank Day (see House, No. 4877) (which originated in the House), **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 Acting Governor for her approbation.**

Orders Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Travaglini,—

Ordered, That, conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII (48) (as amended by Article LXXXI) (81) of the Amendments to the Constitution, a joint session of the two Houses be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2002, at two o’clock P.M., for the purpose of considering proposals for amendments to the Constitution.
Insofar as applicable, the special rules of procedure, in effect in the preceding General Court shall govern said joint session, and any further joint sessions called for the purpose of considering amendments to the Constitution.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

On motion of Ms. Fargo,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Wednesday next at twelve o’clock noon, and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Adjournment in memory of F. Richard Drennan.

Mr. Nuciforo presented a request that when the Senate adjourns, it adjourn in memory of F. Richard Drennan, who died on Monday, April 22. Mr. Drennan was a well-known Pittsfield attorney, a former assistant district attorney and assistant state attorney general. Mr. Drennan had been recently honored by the Massachusetts Bar Association for 50 years of service.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of F. Richard Drennan, at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hedlund, the Senate adjourned to meet on Wednesday next at twelve o'clock noon.