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# UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



Tuesday, February 19, 2002.

Met at four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Melconian in the Chair).

### Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Ms. Melconian) introduced, seated in the rear of the Chamber, a group of nursing students from Curry College in Milton. They were the guests of Senator Moore.

#### Communication.

A communication from Diane Wholley, Bridgewater Correctional Complex, relative to its plan of correction in response to an inspection of the Bridgewater Correctional Complex Central Kitchen (received Friday, February 1, 2002),— was placed on file.

## Reports.

The following reports were severally read and placed on file:

A report of the State Ethics Commission (under the provisions of Section 2(1) of Chapter 268B of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2001 (received Thursday, January 31, 2002);

A report of the Division of Insurance (under the provisions of Section 17 of Chapter 21E of the General Laws) relative to the availability of response action contractor liability insurance (received Thursday, January 31, 2002);

A report of the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (under the provisions of Item 6000-0100 of Chapter 177 of the Acts of 2001) relative to a plan to

address the backlog of bicycle and pedestrian projects (received Friday, February 1, 2002); and

A report of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (under the provisions of Section 50 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) relative to emergency rules and regulations governing the ability of public employees in Massachusetts to use assets in other retirement accounts to purchase creditable service (received Friday, February 1, 2002).

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 Worcester County Jail and House of Correction (received Friday, February 1, 2002),— was read and sent to the House for its information.

#### Petitions.

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Magnani, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David P. Magnani and other members of the General Court [for complete list of petitioners, see printed bill] for legislation relative to a freeze on toll rates, to provide local cities and towns funding for transportation projects, and to provide funding for the central artery/tunnel project;

By the same Senator, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David P. Magnani and other members of the General Court [for complete list of petitioners, see printed bill] for legislation relative to a temporary freeze on toll rates, and to provide funding for the central artery/tunnel project; and

By Mr. Shannon, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Charles E. Shannon and Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., for legislation relative to real estate tax exemptions for veterans and fraternal organizations;

Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

#### PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to the licensing of insurance producers (House, No. 28, changed and amended,— on House, Nos. 28 and 2358),— was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

A Bill authorizing the city of Salem to grant easements in certain park land (House, No 4842,— on petition) [Local approval received],— was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

A report of the committee on Public Service, recommending that the communication from the Public Employee Retirement Commission (PERAC) (under the provisions of Section 50 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting emergency rules and regulations governing the ability of public employees of the Commonwealth to use assets in other

retirement accounts to purchase creditable service (House, No. 4888) be placed on file,—came from the House, accepted by the House.

The report was considered forthwith and accepted, in concurrence.

#### Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Antonioni and Brewer and Ms. Chandler) "congratulating the Wachusett Regional High School Girls Soccer Team on winning the 2001 Division I State Championship."

## Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tolman,—

*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. Hedlund, at six minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M.