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UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



Tuesday, March 19, 2002.

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

Communication.

A communication from the Department of Education (under the provisions of Chapter 69 of the General Laws, and in accordance with requirements of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended) submitting interim regulations pertaining to the school building assistance program (Senate, No. 2285) (received Friday, March 15, 2002),— **was referred to the committee on Education, Arts and Humanities.**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Petition.

Mr. Tisei presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard R. Tisei for legislation relative to the definition of Vietnam veteran for the purpose of calculating creditable service,— **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Magnani, for the committee on Science and Technology, that the Senate bills

Relative to the assurance of non-visual access to information technology (Senate, No. 1529); and

To create an exotic aquatic species control program (Senate, No. 2025);

Severally ought to pass.

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

By Mr. Magnani, for the Senate committee on Science and Technology, on petition, a Bill to establish the Massachusetts internet technology commission (Senate, No. 1806);

Read and, under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Magnani, for the committee on Science and Technology, on petition, a Bill regarding commercial electronic mail (Senate, No. 1795);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to protect children from harmful information found on the Internet (Senate, No. 1796, changed in section 1, in line 15, by striking out the words:— “September 1, 2001” and inserting in place thereof the following:— “September 1, 2003”; and in section 2, in line 16, by striking out the words:— “September 1, 2001” and inserting in place thereof the following:— “September 1, 2003”); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to provide for community technology to help bridge the “digital divide” (Senate, No. 1800);
Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4953) of Benjamin Swan and other members of the General Court (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to establishing an early retirement incentive program for certain employees in the city of Springfield,— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

Bills

Relative to the concurrent jurisdiction of the Land Court (House, No. 1989, changed and amended,— on petition);

Relative to workers’ compensation coverage for sole proprietors, partnerships and corporate officers (House, No. 4348, amended,— on House, Nos. 230, 398, 772 and 2104); and

Authorizing the Commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land in the town of Westborough (House, No. 4844,— on petition);

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills

Relative to betterment assessments for sewerage facilities in the town of Millbury (House, No. 1507,— on petition); and

Relative to the unlicensed practice of engineering and land surveying (House, No. 2894,— on petition);

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Steering and Policy.

A Bill authorizing the town of Amherst to acquire easements and to construct sewerage pumping stations and related facilities thereon (House, No. 4462,— on House, Nos. 4462 and 4619) [Local approval received on House, No. 4462],— **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

A communication from the committee on Energy submitting comments relative to the Division of Energy Resources proposed renewable energy portfolio standard regulation (having been sent by the House to the Senate for its information),— **was returned to the House to be placed on file.**

Senate Order — Amended.

The Senate Order allowing the committee on Transportation until Wednesday, March 27, 2002, the time within which to report on current House document numbered 4232, came from the House, adopted, in concurrence, *with an amendment*, by striking out the following: “the committee on Transportation be granted until Wednesday, March 27, 2002 the time within which to report on current House document numbered 4232” and inserting in place thereof the following: “joint standing committees and the committees on Rules of the two branches acting concurrently, be granted until Wednesday, March 27, 2002, the time within which to report on all matters referred to them”.

There being no objection, the amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4961) of Kay Khan and Cynthia Stone Creem that the Teachers’ Retirement Board be authorized to grant creditable service to Janet Brandwein for retirement purposes,— **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

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 Susan C. Fargo, Marian Walsh, Charles A. Murphy, Garrett J. Bradley and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to historic resources and the Community Preservation Act .

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

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 declaring the month of May as motorcycle safety month (Senate, No. 1547),— was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Hedlund moved that the bill be amended by substituting a new draft entitled “An Act designating motorcycle safety and awareness time” (Senate, No. 2286).

This amendment was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2286) was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill relative to recall elections in the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 4473),— **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

The House Bill relative to the water and sewer commission of the town of Mattapoisett (House, No. 4843),— **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. Shannon,—

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. Knapik, at twelve minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Thursday at eleven o’clock A.M.
