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## UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



Monday, April 2, 2001.

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

### *Distinguished Guests.*

There being no objection, the President introduced John "the Quiet Man" Ruiz, W.B.A. Heavyweight Champion of the World. Mr. Ruiz, accompanied by Stone Norman, his manager and trainer, Robert Covino, his assistant trainer, Bob Trieger, his press agent, and Tony Cardinale, his attorney, accepted Senate Resolutions bestowed upon him, briefly addressed the Senate, as did Stone Norman, signed the guest book and withdrew from the Chamber.

### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. O'Leary, for the committee on Counties, on petition, a Bill relative to a Worcester County substance abuse pilot program (Senate, No. 148); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 149 and House, No. 962, a Bill relative to the establishment of a regional lock-up facility in Worcester County (Senate, No. 149);

By Ms. Wilkerson, for the committee on State Administration, on petition, a Bill requiring the Metropolitan District Commission to acquire certain parcels of land in South Boston (Senate, No. 1563);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land located in the towns of Becket and Otis in exchange for certain other land located in the town of Otis (Senate, No. 1590);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the transfer and change in use of certain conservation/recreation lands in the towns of Stow and Sudbury (Senate, No. 1600);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill releasing certain land in Colrain from the operation of an agricultural preservation restriction (Senate, No. 1603); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the Metropolitan District Commission and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to enter into certain temporary construction agreements to facilitate the reconstruction of Charles Street Station (Senate, No. 1616);

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

By Mr. Morrissey, for the committee on Government Regulations, on Senate, No. 447 and House, No. 43, a Bill relative to medical examinations required by certain boards of registration (Senate, No. 447);  
**Read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Steering and Policy.**

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

Messages were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to encouraging school attendance (House, No. 4059);

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to promoting safer learning environments in public schools (House, No. 4060); and

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to improving truancy enforcement (House, No. 4061);  
**Severally to the committee on Education, Arts and Humanities.**

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to clean elections in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4062);  
**To the committee on Election Laws.**

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to establishing certain attendance requirements for minors to obtain a driver's license (House, No. 4063);  
**To the committee on Public Safety.**

A Bill relative to telecommunications lines (House, No. 1753,— on petition),— **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

#### **Bills**

Relative to pension benefits for Robert Rogers (House, No. 4047,— on House, No. 3420) [Local approval received on House, No. 3420]; and

Relative to pension benefits for Thomas J. Gomperts (House, No. 4048,— on House, No. 3421) [Local approval received on House, No. 3421];  
**Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

#### **Reports**

Of the committee on Counties, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 151) of Robert S. Creedon, Jr., and James R. Lawton for legislation to expand the rights of employees in county employment;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 152) of Richard T. Moore and Emile J. Goguen for legislation to reform the civil process system;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2475) of Thomas J. O'Brien relative to the fees charged by the Registry of Deeds;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3055) of Thomas J. O'Brien relative to the submission of county budgets to the General Court;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3058) of Thomas J. O'Brien, Therese Murray, Kathleen M. Teahan and Mark J. Carron that grants to political subdivisions be also made available to the counties of the Commonwealth; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3909) of Thomas J. O'Brien, Thomas P. Kennedy and Charles A. Murphy for legislation to reform the civil process system;

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

**Were severally considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence, insomuch as relates to the discharge of the joint committee.**

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hedlund) “recognizing 50 years of Hingham Youth Baseball”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Joyce) “congratulating Richard B. Neely”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “honoring Ellen O. Grant”; and

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Sprague) “congratulating Paul J. Schleicher of Norton.”

*Reports 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. O’Leary for legislation relative to the minimum size for sale or possession of lobsters.

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Panagiotakos, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture.**

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 Brian A. Joyce, Paul C. Demakis, George Rogers, Bruce E. Tarr and other members of the General Court for legislation to amend the renewable energy tax credit.

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Panagiotakos, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Taxation. Severally sent to the House for concurrence.**

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Birmingham) “congratulating John ‘The Quiet Man’ Ruiz.”

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

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