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Thursday, January 9, 2003.

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

The Chair (Ms. Walsh), members, guests and employees then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Communications.

A communication was received from the Honorable Jo Ann Sprague, chairperson of the Republican Caucus of the Senate, notifying the Senate that the Caucus had elected the Honorable Brian P. Lees of Hampden and Hampshire as Minority Leader in the Senate for the 2003-2004 session.

A communication was received from Patrick F. Scanlan, Clerk of the Senate, informing the Senate that he had appointed William F. Welch of Milford as Assistant Clerk and Michael D. Hurley of South Boston as Second Assistant Clerk.

Majority and Minority Appointments.

The President announced the appointments of the Senator from Essex, Mr. Berry, as Majority Leader, the Senator from Suffolk and Norfolk, Ms. Walsh, as the Assistant Majority Leader, the Senator from Bristol and Plymouth, Ms. Menard, as the Majority Whip and the Senator from Middlesex, Mr. Havern, as Assistant Majority Whip and the Senator from Hampshire and Franklin, Mr. Rosenberg, as President Pro Tempore.

The President also announced the appointment of the Senator from Plymouth and Barnstable, Ms. Murray, as Chairperson of the committee on Senate Ways and Means, the Senator from Middlesex, Mr. Panagiotakos, as Vice Chairperson of the committee on

Senate Ways and Means, the Senator from Plymouth and Bristol, Mr. Pacheco, as Chairperson of the committee on Senate Post Audit and Oversight and the Senator from Bristol and Plymouth, Mr. Montigny, as Chairperson of the committee on Senate Long-Term Debt and Capital Expenditures.

The Minority Leader, Mr. Lees, announced the appointments of the Senator from Middlesex, Mr. Tisei, as Assistant Minority Leader, the Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, as Minority Whip, the Senator from Plymouth and Norfolk, Mr. Hedlund, as Assistant Minority Whip, and the Senator from Hampden and Hampshire, Mr. Knapik, as the ranking minority member on the committee on Senate Ways and Means.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Joyce and Morrissey) “congratulating Francis Thomas Punch, Jr. for 50 years of distinguished service to the Commonwealth”;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Joyce and Morrissey) “regarding SEIU Local 285 and the Quincy Medical Center”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Knapik) “honoring Peter F. Brady, Esq. upon his selection as the 2003 Grand Marshal for the Holyoke Saint Patrick’s Parade”; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Magnani) “honoring Framingham State College on the occasion of its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary.”

Adjournment in Memory of William F. Dillon.

Mr. Travaglini requested that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of William F. Dillon of Wellfleet, who passed away this week at the age of 91.

Mr. Dillon worked for the Massachusetts Legislature for 35 years beginning as a page at the age of 14. He retired as Assistant Clerk of the Senate in 1962, and was known as an encyclopedia of information concerning the Massachusetts Legislature during his years in the State House. Mr. Dillon was a proud veteran, who served his country in the Navy during World War II. Mr. Dillon leaves a son and a daughter, nine grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of William F. Dillon, Mr. Tolman moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday, at eleven o’clock A.M.; and, there being no objection, at six minutes past eleven

o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned until Monday next at eleven
o'clock A.M.