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UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



Thursday, February 27, 2003.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Berry in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

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

Engrossed Bill — Laid Before the Governor.

An engrossed Bill making appropriations for fiscal year two thousand three to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see Senate, No. 1949) (which originated in the Senate), having been passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Havern) on Tuesday, February 25, 2003,— **was laid before the Governor for his approbation on Wednesday, February 26, 2003.**

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Berry) introduced, seated in the rear of the Chamber, Brandy Suslovic and Priscilla Martinez, students at the Shriver Job Corps Center in Devens, Massachusetts. They were the guests of Senator Tolman.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to financing the affordable housing trust (House, No. 2014),— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Housing and Urban Development.**

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Brewer, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Guy W. Glodis for legislation to repeal the pharmacy assessment user fee and to require a study concerning the need for a pharmacy user fee program.

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

By Mr. Brewer, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Charles E. Shannon, Vincent P. Ciampa, Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr., Joan M. Menard and other members of the General Court for legislation to further regulate pharmacies.

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

By Mr. Brewer, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Linda J. Melconian and Benjamin Swan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Sharon Melvin-James, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Ms. Walsh, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was

suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Knapik) “honoring William J. Flynn as the John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Award winner”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Eric Steven Sullivan upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Resor) “recognizing Irish-American Heritage Month, March 2003.”

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to the mailing of property tax bills in the city of Lawrence (House, No. 2013,— on petition) [Local approval received],— was read.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O’Leary, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Communication.

The Clerk read the following communication:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

February 25, 2003.

Hon. Robert E. Travaglini
President, Massachusetts State Senate
State House, Room 332
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. President:

On Tuesday, February 25, 2003, due to a scheduling conflict I was unable to be present in the Senate Chamber during the formal session.

Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative in regard to the following matter:

Enactment of Senate 1949 An Act making appropriations for fiscal year 2003 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects.

I respectfully request that this communication be spread on the record and printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Sincerely,
DAVID P. MAGNANI,
State Senator,
Second Middlesex and Norfolk District.

On motion of Ms. Fargo, the above communication was ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill relative to the mailing of property tax bills in the city of Lawrence (see House, No. 2013) (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 Governor for his approbation.**

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O’Leary,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

On motion of Mrs. Sprague, at twenty-four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M.
