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## UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



### JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

Thursday, September 25, 2003.

Met at twenty-three minutes past one o'clock P.M.

The President, members, guests and employees then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

#### *Distinguished Guests.*

There being no objection, the President handed the gavel to the Senator from Worcester, Ms. Chandler, who introduced Jose Antonio Rivera, World Boxing Association Welterweight Champion. Jose defeated Michael Trabant, Germany's favorite son, in a 12 round bout in Berlin, Germany. Besides being a world champion boxer, Jose Rivera is a court officer in the Worcester Juvenile Court and a two time winner of the Speaker of the Year Award from the United Way. He has also been inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Boys and Girls Club of Worcester for his extraordinary commitment to youth. Jose was accompanied to the rostrum by Nick Manzillo, sports columnist for the Worcester Telegram. They were the guests of Senator Chandler. Jose Antonio Rivera made a few remarks to the membership and he and Nick Manzillo signed the guest book and withdrew from the Chamber.

There being no objection, the President handed the gavel to the Senator from Bristol and Plymouth, Ms. Menard, who introduced Chief Justice Martha P. Grace of the Juvenile Court Department of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth. Chief Justice Grace was attending a function honoring one of her court officers, Jose Antonio Rivera. Chief Justice Grace briefly addressed the Senate and withdrew from the Chamber. She was the guest of Senator Menard.

#### *Petition.*

The President in the Chair, Mr. Montigny presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mark C. Montigny and Antonio F. D. Cabral for legislation to relocate certain harbor lines in the Fairhaven and New Bedford harbors,— **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

#### *Reports of a Committee*

Ms. Jacques, for the committee on Steering and Policy, reported that the following matters be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The Senate bills

Further regulating change of name or address notices to the Registry of Motor Vehicles (Senate, No. 1278); and

Relative to stealing registration plates and the possession of stolen registration plates (Senate, No. 1284).

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4181) of Paul K. Frost (by vote of the town) relative to sewer user fees charged to residents of non-sewered areas in the town of Millbury,— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Local Affairs and Regional Government.**

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Baddour) “congratulating Kenneth Henrick on the occasion of his retirement”;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Chandler and Mr. Glodis) “congratulating Jose Antonio Rivera of Worcester”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Lees) “relative to ‘Comcast Cares Day’ ” (Senator Joyce dissenting);

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McGee) “celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the St. Michael’s Society Lodge #630 of the Polish National Alliance in Lynn”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Moore) “honoring the 32-Degree Masons, Northern Jurisdiction, on the occasion of ‘Help a Child Overcome Dyslexia Month’ ”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Morrissey) “recognizing Officer T. William ‘Bill’ Cleggett.”

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Murray) “on the occasion of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month”;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Murray) “honoring Helen Elizabeth Wirtanen”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “honoring Anthony P. Anacki”; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tisei) “recognizing the Dolbeare Elementary School as the number one fundraising school in the state for the Jump Rope for Heart Program.”

*Report of a Committee.*

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill authorizing Daniel P. Murphy to withdraw from a certain retirement program (House, No. 4140),— ought to pass, with an amendment, inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith, to allow a certain individual to withdraw from a certain retirement program, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Menard, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means. The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment. Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to exemptions for residential real property in the city of Cambridge (House, No. 2185,— on petition) [Local approval received],— was read.

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

*Emergency Preamble Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for John Nourse, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 3822, amended), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,— was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 12 to 0.

**The bill was signed by the President and sent to the House for enactment.**

*Matter Taken Out of the Notice Section of the Calendar.*

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Notice Section of the Calendar and considered, as follows:

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Carlisle to grant conservation restrictions for town owned conservation land (Senate, No. 1148),— **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent to the House for concurrence.**

*Report of a Committee.*

Ms. Jacques for the committee on Steering and Policy, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The Senate Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Washington (Senate, No. 1972, changed) (the committee on Ways and Means having recommended that the bill be amended in section 1, by striking out the figure “40E”, in line 3, and inserting in place thereof the following figure “40H”; and by inserting after the words “General Laws,” in line 4, the following words:— “and notwithstanding sections 40E to 40F1/2, inclusive, of chapter 7 of the General Laws.”).

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Tucker, and the bill was read a second time, and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.**

**The bill (Senate, No. 1972, changed and amended) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the town of Lee to enter into contracts for construction, operation and maintenance, lease and modification of its water and wastewater treatment facilities (printed as Senate, No. 1934,— on petition) [Local approval received],— was read.

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

*Matter Taken Out of the Notice Section of the Calendar.*

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Notice Section of the Calendar and considered, as follows:

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Millbury to grant four additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2056),— was read a second time, and was amended, on motion of Mr. Glodis, in section 2, by striking out, in line 3, the words “2 additional licenses” and inserting in place thereof the following words:— “a license”; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title:— “An Act authorizing the town of Millbury to grant 3 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises.”.

**The bill (Senate, No. 2056, amended) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent to the House for concurrence.**

*Orders of the Day.*

The Orders of the Day were considered, as follows:

Bills

Designating a certain bridge in the city of Waltham as the William F. Stanley bridge (Senate, No. 1863); and

Providing for the first week of October to be designated as Massachusetts Safe Schools Week (House, No. 2887);

**Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

The Senate Bill designating Route 146A in the town of Uxbridge as the Lydia Taft Highway (Senate, No. 1890),— **was read a second time and, after remarks, was ordered to a third reading.**

The Senate Bill clarifying the name of a certain bridge in the town of Amesbury (Senate, No. 1853),— was read a third time.

After remarks, the question on passing it to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at seven minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Lees, as follows, to wit (yeas 38 — nays 0) [**Yeas and Nays No. 326**]:

**YEAS.**

Antonioni, Robert A.	Melconian, Linda J.
Baddour, Steven A.	Menard, Joan M.
Barrios, Jarrett T.	Moore, Richard T.
Berry, Frederick E.	Morrissey, Michael W.

Brewer, Stephen M.	Murray, Therese
Chandler, Harriette L.	Nuciforo, Andrea F., Jr.
Creedon, Robert S., Jr.	O'Leary, Robert A.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Pacheco, Marc R.
Fargo, Susan C.	Panagiotakos, Steven C.
Glodis, Guy W.	Resor, Pamela
Hart, John A., Jr.	Rosenberg, Stanley C.
Havern, Robert A.	Shannon, Charles E.
Hedlund, Robert L.	Sprague, Jo Ann
Jacques, Cheryl A.	Tarr, Bruce E.
Joyce, Brian A.	Tisei, Richard R.
Knapiak, Michael R.	Tolman, Steven A.
Lees, Brian P.	Travaglini, Robert E.
Magnani, David P.	Tucker, Susan C.
McGee, Thomas M.	Walsh, Marian — <b>38.</b>

**NAYS — 0.**

**ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.**

Montigny, Mark C.	Wilkerson, Dianne — <b>2.</b>
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**The yeas and nays having been completed at three minutes before two o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Ms. Walsh in the Chair, the Senate Bill designating the Merrimac Street, Route 1 bridge overpass in the city of Newburyport as the Raymond F. Welch Memorial Overpass (Senate, No. 1854),— **was read a third time and, after remarks, was passed to be engrossed.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The Senate Bill regulating commercial electronic mail (Senate, No. 2019) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),— was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Barrios moved that the bill be amended in section 1, by striking out, in lines 41 and 42, the words "or (c)" and inserting in place thereof the following words:— "(c) is, or is sending the message on behalf of, a charitable organization or entity, including a public charity, or a political candidate or political committee; or (d)".

This amendment was adopted.

The question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at nine minutes past two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Barrios, as follows to wit (yeas 37 — nays 0) [**Yeas and Nays No. 327**]:

**YEAS.**

Antonioni, Robert A.	Melconian, Linda J.
Baddour, Steven A.	Menard, Joan M.
Barrios, Jarrett T.	Moore, Richard T.
Berry, Frederick E.	Morrissey, Michael W.
Brewer, Stephen M.	Murray, Therese
Chandler, Harriette L.	Nuciforo, Andrea F., Jr.
Creedon, Robert S., Jr.	O'Leary, Robert A.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Pacheco, Marc R.
Fargo, Susan C.	Panagiotakos, Steven C.
Glodis, Guy W.	Resor, Pamela
Hart, John A., Jr.	Rosenberg, Stanley C.
Havern, Robert A.	Shannon, Charles E.

Hedlund, Robert L.	Sprague, Jo Ann
Jacques, Cheryl A.	Tarr, Bruce E.
Joyce, Brian A.	Tisei, Richard R.
Knapik, Michael R.	Tolman, Steven A.
Lees, Brian P.	Tucker, Susan C.
Magnani, David P.	Walsh, Marian — 37.
McGee, Thomas M.	

**NAYS — 0.**

**ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.**

Montigny, Mark C.	Wilkerson, Dianne — 2.
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**The yeas and nays having been completed at twelve minutes past two o'clock P.M., the bill (Senate, No. 2019, amended) was passed to be engrossed.  
Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The Senate Bill regulating the speed of school buses on limited access highways (Senate, No. 1333) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),— **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.  
Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The Senate Bill relative to certain distinctive registration plates (Senate, No. 2006, amended) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),— was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mrs. Sprague and Messrs. Lees, Tisei, Tarr, Knapik and Hedlund moved that the bill be amended by adding the following 3 sections:—

“SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the word ‘Star’, in line 396, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, the words:— or Distinguished Flying Cross.

SECTION 3. Said section 2 of said chapter 90 is hereby amended by inserting after the word ‘star’, in lines 402 and 403, as so appearing, the following words:— or Distinguished Flying Cross.

SECTION 4. The eighteenth paragraph of said section 2 of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:— The surviving spouse of a deceased recipient may elect to retain the distinctive registration plate and distinctive emblem for personal use upon payment of the established registration fee and an additional \$20 fee until such time as the spouse remarries or fails to renew or cancels the registration.”

**The amendment was adopted.**

**The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The Senate Bill facilitating electronic transactions (Senate, No. 2076) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),— was read a third time.

**On motion of Mr. Shannon, the bill was recommitted to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.**

The President in the Chair, the Senate Bill relative to the punishment for sale and storage of fireworks (Senate, No. 1364),— was considered, the main question being on ordering it to a third reading.

The pending motion, previously moved by Mr. Lees, to lay the bill on the table was considered; and it was *negatived*.

**Pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, on further motion of Mr. Lees, the further consideration thereof was postponed until Thursday, November 20.**

The Senate Bill relative to the reporting of fires in schools (Senate, No. 1372),— was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Barrios and Ms. Resor moved that the bill be amended in section 1, by adding the following sentence:— “The names of individuals contained in this report shall be expunged from the public record when they reach age 18 or graduate from high school, whichever occurs last, but any such individuals shall have affirmative obligation to inform the fire marshal in writing that they have reached the age of 18 or graduated, whichever occurs last.”

**Pending the question on adoption of the amendment, and pending the main question on passing the bill to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. Lees, the matter was postponed until the next session.**

*Matters Taken Out of the Notice Section of the Calendar.*

There being no objection, the following matters were taken out of the Notice Section of the Calendar and considered, as follows:

The House Bill establishing a sewer system capital improvement fund in the town of Chelmsford (House, No. 3805),— **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

The House Bill relative to a certain license for the sale of wines and malt beverages in the town of Milford (House, No. 3728),— **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

*Report of a Committee.*

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to authorizing the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey easements for the transmission of natural gas over lands formerly under the control of the county of Essex in the town of Middleton and the cities of Peabody and Salem to Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (Senate, No. 1678),— ought to pass, with an amendment in section 2, by striking out, in lines 8 to 11, inclusive, the words “accept any appraisal or appraisals of said easements which may have been conducted prior to the effective date of this act and which may have been accepted and agreed to by said division” and inserting in place thereof the following words:— “in establishing value, take into consideration any prior appraisal or appraisals of these easements which the commissioner determines are timely and relevant”; by striking out, in line 26, the word “thereon” and inserting in place thereof the following words:— “of his determination of value”; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to grant an easement to facilitate the construction of an interstate natural gas pipeline, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Morrissey, and the bill was read a second time, and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means. The bill (Senate, No. 1678, amended) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and was passed to be engrossed, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: “An Act authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey easements for the transmission of natural gas over lands formerly under the control of the county of Essex in the town of Middleton and the cities of Peabody and Salem to Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.”.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

*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 Therese Murray for legislation relative to a retirement buyback for Albert E. Todino from the Barnstable County Retirement System.

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

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 Robert L. Hedlund and Garrett J. Bradley for legislation to provide for commuter boat parking rate equity.

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

**Severally sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4184) of Edward G. Connolly, other members of the General Court and others that cities and towns be authorized to use certain funds from the sale of public lands;

**Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Local Affairs and Regional Government.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4185) of James H. Fagan and Marc R. Pacheco for legislation to provide civil service status for certain employees of the municipal lighting plant of the city of Taunton; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4186) of James H. Fagan and Marc R. Pacheco relative to authorizing the certification and eligibility of certain persons as fire fighters in the city of Taunton;**Severally, under suspension of Joint Rule 7B, to the committee on Public Service.**

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Natasha Searcy, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 3818),— came from the House with the endorsement that the House had concurred in the Senate amendment adding at the end thereof the

following sentence: "Upon such time that Natasha Searcy terminates employment with the trial court or requests to dissolve the sick leave bank, the balance of sick leave shall be transferred to the trial court paid leave bank." *with further amendments* striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the trial court shall establish a sick leave bank for Natasha Searcy, an employee of the Worcester division of the district court department of the trial court. Any employee of the trial court may voluntarily contribute 1 or more sick, personal or vacation days to said sick leave bank for use by Natasha Searcy. Whenever Natasha Searcy terminates employment with the trial court or requests to dissolve the sick leave bank, the balance of sick leave shall be transferred to the trial court paid leave bank.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the trial court shall establish a sick leave bank for Annemarie Terramagra, an employee of the Malden division of the trial court. Any employee of the trial court may voluntarily contribute 1 or more of his sick, personal or vacation days to the sick leave bank for use by Annemarie Terramagra. Whenever Annemarie Terramagra terminates employment with the trial court or requests to dissolve the sick leave bank, the balance of sick leave shall be transferred to the trial court paid leave bank."; by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act establishing a sick leave bank for certain employees of the trial court."; and by striking out the emergency preamble and inserting in place thereof the following emergency preamble:

"*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith sick leave banks for certain employees of the trial court, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tisei, and the House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.**

#### *Engrossed Bills.*

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the President and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Relative to exemptions for residential real property in the city of Cambridge (see House, No. 2185);

Establishing a sick leave bank for John Nourse, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 3822, amended);  
and

Relative to the city of Brockton's contributions to the health insurance premiums of its retirees (see House, No. 3867, amended).

An engrossed Bill relative to drag racing in the city of Springfield (see House, No. 3835, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

The question on passing the bill to be enacted was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at twenty-seven minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr Lees, as follows, to wit (yeas 34 — nays 3) **[Yeas and Nays No. 328]**:

#### **YEAS.**

Antonioni, Robert A.	Joyce, Brian A.
Baddour, Steven A.	Knapik, Michael R.
Barrios, Jarrett T.	Lees, Brian P.
Berry, Frederick E.	Magnani, David P.
Brewer, Stephen M.	McGee, Thomas M.
Chandler, Harriette L.	Melconian, Linda J.
Creedon, Robert S., Jr.	Menard, Joan M.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Morrissey, Michael W.
Fargo, Susan C.	Murray, Therese
Glodis, Guy W.	O'Leary, Robert A.
Hart, John A., Jr.	Pacheco, Marc R.
Havern, Robert A.	Panagiotakos, Steven C.
Hedlund, Robert L.	Resor, Pamela
Jacques, Cheryl A.	Rosenberg, Stanley C.

Sprague, Joann  
Tarr, Bruce E.  
Tisei, Richard R.

Tolman, Steven A.  
Tucker, Susan C.  
Walsh, Marian — 34.

**NAYS.**

Moore, Richard T.                      Shannon, Charles E. — 3.  
Nuciforo, Andrea F., Jr.

**ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.**

Montigny, Mark C.                      Wilkerson, Dianne — 3.

**The yeas and nays having been completed at twenty-three minutes before three o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be enacted and it was signed by the President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

*Communication.*

The Clerk read the following communication:

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SENATE  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

September 25, 2003.

Honorable Robert E. Travaglini  
*President of the Senate*  
Room 330  
State House  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to inform you of my intention to retire from the position of Clerk of the Senate effective October 1, 2003.

After more than twenty-eight years in the State House, it was very difficult for me to arrive at this decision, and it is the result of great personal reflection. I have devoted my career to this institution and the people for whom I have worked during nearly three decades. Serving in various positions in the office, and as Clerk of the Senate for the past five years has been extremely gratifying. In addition to mastering the intricacies of parliamentary procedure, I have been involved in numerous projects that enhanced office operations. The ever-increasing challenges I have faced have motivated me to do the job I love, and I am fortunate to have had those opportunities. I am proud of the Clerk's Office staff and how they have helped the office evolve professionally and technologically to meet the needs of the Legislature and the public.

I appreciate the support and friendship of all the members of the Senate and especially thank you for the respect and kindness you have shown me. You and your staff have been gracious, and I have enjoyed our work together. I am happy to assist in any way to ensure a smooth transition.

I wish you the best in your tenure as President of the Massachusetts State Senate.

Sincerely,  
PATRICK F. SCANLAN,  
*Clerk of the Senate.*

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Berry,—

*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 further motion of Mr. Berry, at twenty minutes past three o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M.