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UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



Monday, February 3, 2003.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M.

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

The President then led members, guests and employees in a moment of silence for the crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia and their families.

Committee Appointments.

The President announced the following appointments to the Advisory Commission on Local Government (established under Section 62 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws), as follows: Senators Creem of Middlesex and Norfolk, Fargo of Middlesex and Tarr of Essex and Middlesex.

Petitions.

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Baddour, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven A. Baddour for legislation to ensure equitable calculation for mental health services;

By the same Senator (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James N. Thivierol for legislation relative to using the word dissolve instead of the word divorce in domestic relations matters;

By Mr. Barrios, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jarrett T. Barrios for legislation to establish a uniform rate of parking fines;

By Mr. Brewer, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Stephen M. Brewer for legislation to authorize the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to sell water to the town of New Braintree;

By Ms. Chandler (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Harvey Greene for legislation to require the return of sales tax for returned merchandise;

By Mr. Hedlund (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Harry Scott for legislation to eliminate the requirement of motor vehicle inspections;

By Mr. Knapik, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael R. Knapik and Donald F. Humason, Jr. (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the Division of Capital Asset Management to convey to the city of Westfield a certain parcel of land;

By Mr. Lees, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian P. Lees for legislation relative to the licensing of sign installers;

By Mr. Rosenberg (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas McGee for legislation to repeal the pharmacy assessment fee;

By Mr. Shannon (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ellen Frith for legislation to provide for volunteers to enforce handicapped parking laws;

By the same Senator, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Charles E. Shannon, Pamela P. Resor, Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., J. James Marzilli, Jr. and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to health insurance for self-employed individuals;

By Mrs. Sprague, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jo Ann Sprague, Robert L. Hedlund and others for legislation to designate assorted wafers as the official candy of the Commonwealth;

By the same Senator, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jo Ann Sprague and Philip Travis for legislation relative to a certain retirement elective of Annie Nichols;

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to health insurance purchasing cooperatives;

By the same Senator, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr, Brian P. Lees, Michael R. Knapik, Brian A. Joyce and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish the Massachusetts municipal capital partnership program;

By the same Senator, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr, Dianne Wilkerson and Anthony J. Verga for legislation to establish a preparatory skills program for women and minorities;

By the same Senator, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr and Anthony J. Verga for legislation to protect consumers in the issuance of automobile insurance policy forms;

By the same Senator, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr, Brian P. Lees, Richard R. Tisei, Michael R. Knapik and other members of the General Court for legislation to exempt certain volunteers from civil damages;

By Mr. Tisei, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard R. Tisei, Michael E. Festa and Mark V. Falzone for legislation to require the Group Insurance Commission to cover the cost of blood used during transfusions; and

By Ms. Walsh, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marian Walsh and Robert K. Coughlin for legislation relative to the Dedham-Westwood Water District;

Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Petitions were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Knapik, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1932) of Michael R. Knapik and Donald F. Humason, Jr. (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to establish a traffic commission within the city of Westfield [Local approval received];

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Local Affairs.

By Mr. Nuciforo, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1934) of Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr. and William Smitty Pignatelli (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Lee to enter into contracts for construction, operation and maintenance, lease and modification of its water and wastewater treatment facilities [Local approval received];

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture.

By Mr. Havern, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1931) of Robert A. Havern, Jay R. Kaufman, Anne M. Paulsen and J. James Marzilli, Jr. (by vote of the town) for legislation to increase the retirement allowance for certain retirees of the town of Arlington [Local approval received]; and

By Mr. Morrissey, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1933) of Michael W. Morrissey, Bruce J. Ayers, Ronald Mariano and A. Stephen Tobin (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize and direct the retirement board of the city of Quincy to grant creditable service to James J. Dentremont [Local approval received];

**Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Public Service.
Severally sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

The biennial report of the Commissioner of Revenue (under Section 10C of Chapter 58 of the General Laws) submitting an equalization and apportionment upon the several cities and towns of the amount of property and proportion of every one thousand

dollars of state or county tax which should be assessed upon each city or town (House, No. 2006),— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Taxation.**

Communication.

The Clerk read the following communication:

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

January 29, 2003.

Mr. Patrick F. Scanlan
Clerk of the Massachusetts Senate
State House, Room 335
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I was out of state attending a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures on January 23, 2003 when the Senate met in formal session to consider the adoption of Senate Rules and Joint Rules for the 2003-2004 legislative session.

Had I been present, I would have voted in the negative on the proposed amendment #8: Suspension of Rules-Proposed 13A Amendment; in the negative on the proposed amendment #19: Long-Term Debt and Capital Expenditures; I also would have voted in the affirmative on the main question of adopting Senate Bill 1923, as amended, relative to the rules of the Senate for the 2003-2004 legislative session. With regard to the adoption of Joint Rules, had I been present I would have voted in the affirmative on the proposed amendment #6: Public Hearing — Joint Rule 1B as redrafted.

I would appreciate your assistance with the printing of this communication in the Senate Journal. Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Sincerely,
RICHARD T. MOORE,
State Senator,
Worcester and Norfolk District.

On motion of Mr. Rosenberg, the above communication was ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Baddour,—

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

Recess.

There being no objection, at three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the President declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-seven minutes past three o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Rosenberg in the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Tarr, at twenty-eight minutes past three o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.
