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## UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



Thursday, March 6, 2003.

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

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

### *Distinguished Guests.*

There being no objection, the President introduced, seated in the Senate gallery, members of the Parker Middle School chorus of Chelmsford. The group was visiting the State House to perform a concert at the Grand Staircase later on in the afternoon. The group was the guest of Senator Fargo.

There being no further objection, the President introduced David Anderson, a student at St. John's Prep in Danvers. David was shadowing his State Senator and St. John's Prep alumnus Thomas M. McGee as Senator McGee performed his duties throughout the day as State Senator. He was the guest of Senator McGee.

### *Petitions.*

Mr. Havern presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1955) of Robert A. Havern, J. James Marzilli, Jr., Jay R. Kaufman and Anne M. Paulsen (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Arlington to enact a by-law to protect places of special cultural, architectural and historical significance,— **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Local Affairs.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Brewer, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Stephen M. Brewer and Christopher J. Donelan for legislation to direct the state board of retirement to classify Derek K. Estler in Group 4 of the retirement system; and

By Ms. Walsh, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marian Walsh for legislation to protect the rights of police appointees in instances of police training class cancellations and mandatory military service;

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

### *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Joyce) “honoring Robert L. Gass for his exceptional service to the town of Randolph”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Joyce) “honoring Avon Fire Chief Jackson G. Macomber for his distinguished service”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Morrissey) “acknowledging the Abington High School Green Wave Football Team as the Division 5 Super Bowl Champions”;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Murray and Mr. O’Leary) “on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Nam Vets Association of the Cape and Islands, Inc.”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Joseph E. Fernandes on the occasion of his eightieth birthday”; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “on the retirement of John E. Morrissey.”

*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 Steven A. Baddour for legislation to ensure equitable calculation for mental health services.

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

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 Cheryl A. Jacques for legislation to authorize the state teachers’ retirement board to grant four years of creditable service to Nancy K. Griswold.

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tisei, 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.**

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.**

A Bill validating certain votes taken at the annual town meeting held by the town of Dracut (House, No. 2017,— being a message from His Excellency the Governor),— was read.

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

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2018) of Robert F. Fennell, Thomas M. McGee and Steven Myles Walsh that the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to transfer a certain easement under the control of the Department of Environmental Management in the city of Lynn to said city,— **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration.**

*Petition.*

On motion of Mr. Tisei, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended on the petition, presented by Mr. Nuciforo (accompanied by bill) of Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr. and William Smitty Pignatelli for legislation relative to the abatement of personal property taxes,— **and the same was referred to the committee on Taxation.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tisei,—

*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 Mr. Tisei, at six minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Monday at eleven o’clock A.M.

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