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## UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



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Monday, August 18, 2003.

Met at four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M.

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

#### *Petitions.*

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Nuciforo, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr. and William Smitty Pignatelli for legislation relative to the room occupancy excise tax;

By the same Senator, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr., Stanley C. Rosenberg, Richard T. Moore, William Smitty Pignatelli and other members of the General Court for legislation to extend school building assistance financing;

By Mr. Panagiotakos, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven C. Panagiotakos and Kevin J. Murphy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Joseph J. Primeau, an employee of the Division of Industrial Accidents; and

By Ms. Tucker, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Susan C. Tucker, David M. Torrisi, William A. Lantigua and Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town of Andover) for legislation to authorize the Commissioner of Conservation and Recreation to modify, extinguish and relocate a certain easement in the city of Lawrence (Local approval received);

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

#### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Creedon, for the committee on the Judiciary, on petition, a Bill relative to the commitment of sexually dangerous persons (Senate, No. 1005);

By Ms. Wilkerson, for the committee on State Administration, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1630), a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to lease certain land in the town of Spencer to the Worcester county 4H center (Senate, No. 2064); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1956), a Bill relative to landscape sprinkler systems (Senate, No. 2065);

**Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

By Mr. Creedon, for the committee on the Judiciary, on petition, a Bill relative to the estate of homestead (Senate, No. 995);  
**Read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Steering and Policy.**

*Committee Discharged.*

Mr. Morrissey, for the committee on Government Regulations, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2061) of Stephen M. Brewer and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide for better management for the issuance of firearm licenses,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety.

**Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.  
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. Barrios) “congratulating Esther ‘Essie’ Martin on the happy occasion of her one hundredth birthday” and;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Murray and Mr. Moore) “honoring Girl Scout Troop 439 in recognition of its public service project to honor United States’ Veterans.”.

*Engrossed Bills.*

An engrossed Bill relative to certain school construction debt in the town of Reading (see House bill, printed in House, No. 3900) (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, two-thirds of the members present having voted in the affirmative, and it was signed by the President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

An engrossed Bill validating the actions taken at the annual election held in the town of Bridgewater (see House bill, printed in House, No. 3931) (which originated in House), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having voted in the affirmative, and it was signed by the President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

*Recess.*

At seven minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., the President declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair, and at twenty-nine minutes before five o’clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Havern in the Chair (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2003 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4124,— on House, No. 3884, in part),— was read.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Moore, 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; Engrossed Bill Enacted.*

An engrossed Bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2003 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 4124, 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 3 to 0.

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

Subsequently, the bill, which originated in the House, came from the House with the endorsement that it had been enacted in that branch.

**The Senate then passed the bill to be enacted; and it was signed by the Acting President.**

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Knapik,—

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

*Adjournment in Memory of John C. Coolidge.*

Messrs. Rosenberg and Brewer requested that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of John C. Coolidge, who passed away on Monday, August 11, 2003. John was a prominent Selectman in the town of New Salem, a school committee member, a musician, a devoted family man, and a loyal son of the town of Petersham.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of John C. Coolidge, at three minutes before five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Moore, the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M.