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Wednesday, November 26, 2003.

Met at one minute past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Wilkerson 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 (Ms. Wilkerson), members, guests and employees then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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 Bill authorizing payroll deductions for certain contributions to the State Police Museum Fund (Senate, No. 1417); and

The House Bill providing for the annual observance of myositis awareness day (House, No. 3970).

# PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill regarding notarization of documents including electronic notarization (House, No. 4217, changed,— on petition),— was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Steering and Policy.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Wilkerson) "honoring Father Thomas F. Clark, SJ."

Communication.

The Clerk read the following communication:

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

November 20, 2003.

Mr. William F. Welch Acting Clerk of the Massachusetts Senate State House, Room 335 Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

On November 19, 2003, I was unable to be present in the Senate Chamber for the Senate roll call votes on the following matters:

The first matter was engrossment of Senate Bill 822, An Act Amending the Definition of a Veteran. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative.

The second matter was engrossment of Senate Bill 2149, An Act Making Certain Changes to the Tax Laws of Massachusetts. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative.

The third matter was reconsideration of engrossment of Senate Bill 2149, An Act Making Certain Changes to the Tax Laws of Massachusetts. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative.

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

Sincerely, ROBERT A. O'LEARY, State Senator, Cape and Islands District.

On motion of Mrs. Sprague, the above communication was ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered, as follows:

The House Bill establishing a speed limit for Sassaquin Avenue in the city of New Bedford (House, No. 3741) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),— was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The House Bill relative to recall elections in the town of Bernardston (printed as Senate, No. 2011),—was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Senate Bill relative to the designation of a scenic byway in the towns of Hadley and South Hadley (Senate, No. 2012),—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.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Donna M. Tansey, an employee of the Division of Employment and Training (House, No. 4250),—ought to pass.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mrs. Sprague, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: "An Act establishing a sick leave bank for Donna M. Tansey, an employee of the Division of Unemployment Assistance".

Ms. Melconian, 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 House Bill designating a certain overpass in the town of Milton as the Private First Class Paul W. Curran Memorial Overpass (House, No. 4206).

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

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Sprague,—

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.

## PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

## Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant an easement in a certain parcel of land in the town of Grafton (see House, No. 263, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed be enacted and was signed by the Acting President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

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