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## UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



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*Thursday, February 24, 2005.*

Met at one minute past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Walsh in the Chair).

The Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, then led the Chair (Ms. Walsh), members, guests and employees in the recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

#### *Communication.*

A communication was received from the Honorable Brian P. Lees, Minority Leader of the Senate, announcing that as of this date the minority member of the joint committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight on the part of the Senate will be Michael R. Knapik of Hampden and Hampshire.

**The communications were placed on file.**

#### *Reports.*

The following reports were severally read and placed on file:

A report of the Committee for Public Counsel Services (pursuant to line item 0321-1500 of the Commonwealth's Fiscal Year 2005 Budget) submitting a copy of its 2005 Report to the Legislature (received Friday, February 18, 2005);

A report of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (under the provisions of Section 17 of chapter 125 of the Acts of 2000) relative to transportation improvements in the Greenbush Commuter Line Corridor for the 2004 fourth quarter (received Friday, February 18, 2005);

A report of the Springfield Parking Authority (pursuant to Section 15 of Chapter 674 of the Acts of 1981) submitting a copy of its Audit Report for the Fiscal Year 2004 (received Friday, February 18, 2005); and

A report of the Commonwealth Zoological Corporation (pursuant to Chapter 92B of the General Laws and line item 2800-0200 of the General Appropriation Act for FY 2005) submitting a copy of Zoo New England's Report to the Legislature for FY 2004 (received Friday, February 18, 2005).

#### PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Messages were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to witness intimidation (House, No. 28);  
Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to witness protection (House, No. 29); and  
Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to enhanced protection for victims of domestic

violence (House, No. 30);

**Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.**

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Barrios) “on the occasion of the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Dulcie and Clifford DiSanto”;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Morrissey, Timilty, Creedon, Hart and Joyce and Ms. Wilkerson) “on the retirement of Coach James Cotter”;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Tolman and Augustus) “honoring Lt. Joseph Wanat of Worcester and his meritorious service in Iraq and safe return to Massachusetts”; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Travaglini and Ms. Menard) “on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the New England Board of Higher Education.”

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Augustus,—

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

*Adjournment in Memory of Stephen Romasco.*

The Senator from Worcester and Norfolk, Mr. Moore, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it adjourn in memory of Stephen Romasco.

Mr. Romasco was a devoted husband and father as well as a mentor to countless youth. He was a highly respected educator and head coach of the Sutton High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team who died early this week following his team’s victory in the Clark University Basketball Tournament.

Mr. Romasco, a graduate of Assumption College, was a fixture on the Sutton bench for 30 seasons, amassing 435 wins, six Clark University Tournament titles, and three Central Massachusetts championships. He recently retired after teaching social studies for 34 years. A “hall of fame” caliber coach, he will be remembered throughout the Central Massachusetts athletic community and especially in the town of Sutton.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Stephen Romasco of Sutton, at four minutes past eleven o’clock A.M. on motion of Mr. Augustus, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M.