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JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

Thursday, December 21, 2006.

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

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

Communications.

The following communications were severally received and placed on file:

Several communications from the Honorable Robert E. Travaglini, President of the Senate, announcing the following appointments:

Senator John A. Hart, Jr. to the Performance Standards and Workforce Accountability Task Force (pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 23H of the Acts of 2006);

Senators Steven C. Panagiotakos (Co-Chairperson) and John A. Hart, Jr., to the Robert H. Goddard Council on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education (pursuant to Section 4A of Chapter 15A of the General Laws); and

Senator John A. Hart, Jr., to the Commonwealth Information Technology Initiative (CITI) Fund's Advisory Board (pursuant to Section 2TTT of Chapter 168 Acts of 2006); and

A communication from the Department of Public Health relative to a plan of correction submitted pursuant to inspection of the South Middlesex Correctional Center (received Wednesday, December 20, 2006).

Report.

A report of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, on behalf of the Romney Administration submitting a copy of "The State of Our Environment 2006" (received Wednesday, December 20, 2006),— **was placed on file.**

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. McGee, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on petition, a Bill relative to the oversight of inspections (Senate, No. 2747);

Read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. McGee, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on petition, a Bill relative to the age of appointment of district engineering inspectors (Senate, No. 2748);

Read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Ethics and Rules.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Robert O'Haver, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 5355,— on petition);

Establishing a sick leave bank for William Lewis, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 5360,— on petition);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Meridyth L. Reith, an employee of the state fire marshal (House, No. 5361,— on petition); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Michael Rafferty, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 5362,— on petition);

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

A Bill to protect patient confidentiality (House, No. 1754, amended,— on petition);

Read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Ethics and Rules.

Bills

Placing the health inspector under the supervision of the Division of Inspectional Services in the city of Somerville (House, No. 4641,— on petition) [Local approval received];

Authorizing the town of Ipswich to make an appeal to the Appellate Tax Board (House, No. 4986, amended,— on petition) [Local approval received];

Relative to the relocation and alteration of the layout of High Pole Hill Road in the town of Provincetown (House, No. 5136,— on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Authorizing the town of East Longmeadow to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5350,— on House, No. 5338) [Local approval received on House, No. 5338];

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were severally considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:— Resolutions (filed by Mr. Barrios) “honoring Thomas P. O’Neill, III for his many years of dedicated service to Mount Auburn Hospital”; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Menard, Mr. Barrios, Ms. Wilkerson, Messrs. Havern, Moore, Timilty, O’Leary, Montigny, Ms. Resor and Ms. Murray) “memorializing the Portuguese Republic to retain the Consulate of Portugal in New Bedford.”

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Emergency, Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Lori Mazanec, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 5343), 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 4 to 0.

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

Engrossed Bills — Amended.

The engrossed Bill relative to the Worcester DCU Arena and Convention Center (see House, No. 5128, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage,— **was laid before the Senate.**

On motion of the Mr. Moore, Senate Rule 49 was suspended.

Ms. Chandler moved to amend the engrossed bill in section 3, in subsection (a), by striking out clauses (iii) and (iv) and inserting in place thereof the following clauses:—

“(iii) all undedicated receipts from the excise imposed by chapter 64H of the General Laws upon sales at retail by a vendor of meals, beverages and other tangible personal property or services within the DCU center finance district at establishments which were first opened for patronage on or after July 1, 2004;

(iv) all undedicated receipts from the excise imposed by said chapter 64H upon sales at retail by a vendor of meals, beverages and other tangible personal property or services within the DCU center;”.

The amendment was adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

The engrossed Bill further regulating parking for handicapped persons (see Senate, No. 2647) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage,— **was laid before the Senate.**

On motion of the Mr. Tisei, Senate Rule 49 was suspended.

Ms. Creem moved to amend the engrossed bill by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:— “SECTION 1. Clause (23) of section 21 of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby

amended by striking out paragraph (b) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

(b) Parking spaces designated as reserved under paragraph (a) shall be identified by the use of above-grade signs with white lettering against a blue background and shall bear the words “Handicapped Parking: Special Plate Required. Unauthorized Vehicles May be Removed at Owner’s Expense”. The spaces shall be as near as possible to a building entrance or walkway, shall be adjacent to curb ramps or other unobstructed methods permitting sidewalk access to a handicapped person and shall be at least 8 feet wide, not including the cross hatch access aisle as defined by the architectural access board established in section 13A of chapter 22, The cross hatch access aisle abutting a handicapped parking space shall be considered part of the handicapped parking space to which it abuts to provide individuals who use wheelchairs and other mobility aids with sufficient space to enter and exit their vehicles. No person shall park in the cross hatched access aisle.”

The amendment was adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Bill Returned with Recommendation of Amendment.

A message from Her Honor the Lieutenant Governor, Acting Governor, returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill relative to child labor (see House, No. 4638, amended) [for message, see House, No. 5356],— **came from the House with an amendment in the form approved by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading as follows:—**

By striking out section 5 (as engrossed) and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 5. The first paragraph of section 86 of said chapter 149, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— A person shall not employ a child, other than a child over the age of 14 granted an employment permit by the superintendent of schools when the superintendent determines that the welfare of the child will be better served through the granting of the permit, in any place of employment, other than street trades described in section 69; but a child 14 years of age or older in co-operative course in a public school may be employed by a co-operative establishment upon securing from the superintendent of schools a permit covering the co-operating employment.”; and in section 14 (as engrossed), in line 5, by striking out the words “and industries”.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was before the Senate subject to amendment and re-enactment.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Spilka, and the Acting Governor’s amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

Sent to the House for re-enactment.

A Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2007 to provide funding to support pandemic disease preparation and response in the Commonwealth (House, No. 5349), came from the House with the endorsement that the House had concurred with the Senate in its amendment with further amendments striking out all after the enacting cause an inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5369; and striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: “An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2007 to provide funding to support pandemic disease preparation and respond in the Commonwealth and in certain other matters.”

There being no objection, the rules were suspended on motion of Mr. Moore.

Mr. Moore moved that the bill be substituted, in part, by “An Act further revising the membership of the Public Health Council” (Senate, No. 2770).

The motion prevailed and the bill (Senate, No. 2770) was read. The rules were further suspended on motion of the same Senator and the bill 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.

No further action was taken on the further House amendment to House, No. 5349.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

Ms. Resor in the Chair (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4 to perform the duties of the Chair), there being no objection, the following matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The Senate Bill amending the charter of the town of Sandwich (Senate, No. 2741),— 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.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Wellesley to seek voter approval to assess taxes for the purpose of funding said Town’s Group Insurance Liability Fund (House, No. 4872),— **was read a second time.**

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Ms. Creem moved that the bill be amended in section 1, by adding the following sentence:— “Adjustments to the town’s limit on property taxes shall be computed as though the town has passed capital outlay exclusions under paragraph (i1/2) of section 21C of chapter 59 of the General Laws.”.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: “An Act authorizing the town of Wellesley to seek voter approval to assess taxes for the purpose of funding the town’s Group

Insurance Liability Fund”.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

The House Bill designating the town of Natick as the Home of Champions and the city of Brockton as the City of Champions (House, No. 4958),— **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

The House Bill designating an overpass in the city of New Bedford as the George Evangelos Patisteas Memorial Overpass (House, No. 5295),— **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

The House Bill relative to the stabilization fund of the town of Hopedale (House, No. 5302),— **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and 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 authorizing deposits into the stabilization fund of the town of Hopedale”.**

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Buoniconti for the committee on Ethics and Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House Bill relative to penalties for animal fighting (House, No. 1765, amended).

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Moore, and the bill was read a second time.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Hedlund presented an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2772.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Mr. Buoniconti, for the committee on Ethics and Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House Bill validating the action taken at the town election held by the town of Lanesborough (printed in House, No. 5121).

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

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill relative to the leasing of publicly-owned land for agricultural purposes (House, No. 4658, amended),— **ought to pass.**

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Spilka, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and 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 authorizing the lease of publicly-owned land for agricultural purposes.”

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill establishing a Charles River water quality commission (House, No. 4683, amended),— **ought to pass.**

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill exempting certain clerical positions in the town of Billerica from the provisions of the civil service law (House, No. 4695,— on petition) [Local approval received],— **was read.**

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Creem, 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 Bill relative to bicycle safety (House, No. 5372,— on House Nos. 1411 and 5194),— **was read.**

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Brown, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and 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 providing for bicycle safety”.

A Bill authorizing the town of Billerica to execute a certain lease (House, No. 5330,— on petition) [Local approval received],— **was read.**

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Brown, 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 Bill designating the rotunda of the West Roxbury District Court as the James Joseph Rush Rotunda (House, No. 5352,— on petition),— **was read.**

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

The House Bill authorizing the town of Wareham to grant 5 additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5003, amended),— **came from the House with the endorsement that the House had concurred in the Senate amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2706 with a further amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5353; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: “An Act authorizing the town of Wareham to grant certain alcoholic beverages licenses.”**

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Brown, and the House further amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence (as corrected BTR).

Report of a Committee.

A report of the committee on Public Service, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10) on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2713) of Brian A. Joyce (by vote of the town) for legislation to regulate certain insurance benefits for elected officials of the town of Easton.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Brown, and the matter was considered forthwith. On motion of the same Senator the petition was recommitted to the Joint Committee on Public Service.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first two of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Ms. Resor) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Relative to the issuance of pension funding bonds by the city of Quincy (see Senate, No. 2414);

Relative to the Railroad Depot Contamination Remediation and Redevelopment Project of the city of New Bedford (see Senate, No. 2742, amended);

Authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Millis (see House, No. 4318);

Providing increased benefits to the surviving dependents of a former member of the Boston Fire Department (see House, No. 4998);

Authorizing the town of Belmont to place a certain question relative to the sale of all alcoholic beverages on the town’s election ballot (see House, No. 5273);

Authorizing the town of Belmont to place a certain question relative to the sale of wines and malt beverages on the town’s election ballot (see House, No. 5274);

Relative to the granting of special licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the town of Belmont (see House, No. 5275);

Providing for recall elections in the town of Hatfield (see House, No. 5286);

Regulating the issuance of second hand motor vehicle licenses in the city of Revere (see House, No. 5317);

Exempting Jeffrey L. Beohner and John Zaccari from the maximum age requirement for applying for civil service appointment as a police officer in the town of Methuen (see House, No. 5318); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Lori Mazanec, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 5343).

Report of a Committee.

Mr. Buoniconti, for the committee on Ethics and Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House Bill relative to the Swansea Water District (House, No. 5179).

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Brown, and the bill was read a second time.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Ms. Menard presented an amendment adding the following section:—
“SECTION 2. For projects under this act which require wetlands and water quality permits from the department of environmental protection, the department shall consider and may authorize use of the pilot wetlands mitigation bank established under section 89 of chapter 291 of the acts of 2004 as a mitigation measure.”

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Recess.

There being no objection, at eleven minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Chair (Ms. Resor) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at fourteen minutes past two 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 petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5375) of Rachel Kaprielian relative to the establishment of a sick leave bank for Michael F. Leavitt, an employee of the Department of Mental Retardation,— **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Emergency Preambles Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tatiana Lara-Melendez, an employee of the Department of Mental Retardation (see House, No. 5336), 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 7 to 0.**

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Havern) and sent to the House for enactment.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Carol Denault, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see House, No. 5342), 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 6 to 0.**

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Havern) and sent to the House for enactment.

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to standardizing insurance forms (Senate, No. 646),— ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2773).

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Chandler, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The bill (Senate, No. 2773) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent to the House for concurrence.

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

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

The House Bill relative to the stabilization fund of the town of Hopkinton (House, No. 4868),— **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and 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 regulating open space preservation in the town of Hopkinton".**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Havern) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Relative to disabled veterans' motor vehicle plates (see Senate, No. 2428); and

Relative to life insurance companies (see House, No. 4973).

Recess.

There being no objection, at eighteen minutes past two o'clock P.M., the Chair (Mr. Havern) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at seven minutes past four o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Pacheco in the Chair (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

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

The House Bill authorizing the town of Ipswich to make an appeal to the Appellate Tax Board (House, No. 4986, amended),— **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The Senate Bill further regulating access to birth certificates (Senate, No. 2690),— came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with amendments in section 1, by striking out clause (1) and inserting in place thereof the following clause: “(1) make available for inspection at the offices of the state registry the birth certificate prior to adoption which indicated the prior legal parent or parents listed on the initial birth certificate of if there has been more than 1 adoption, the birth certificate prior to the first adoption which indicates the biological parent or parents listed on the initial birth certificate.”; and in section 5, by striking out the first paragraph of section 31 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: “Section 31. The registry of vital records and statistics, subject to appropriations, shall establish and maintain an adoption contact information registry for the purpose of connecting parents listed on the initial birth certificate to any of their children who were adopted by others. The adoption contact registry shall at minimum be capable of recording updated address and other information supplied by parents and adoptees needed for one to contact the other.”

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Moore, and the House amendments were considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence (as corrected BTR).

Bill Returned with Recommendation of Amendment.

A message from His Excellency the Governor, returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill designating the annual observance of Massachusetts History Day and establishing a special commission on civic engagement and learning (see House, No. 3465, amended) [for message, see House, No. 5321],— **came from the House with the endorsement that the House had rejected the amendment recommended by the Governor, and had adopted the following amendment, as follows:**

“By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5374.”

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was before the Senate subject to amendment and reenactment.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Moore.

The Governor’s amendment was then rejected.

The House amendment was considered; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Sent to the House for re-enactment.

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill relative to child labor (see House, No. 4638, 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 4 to 0.**

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Pacheco) and sent to the House for enactment.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill validating the action taken at the town election held by the town of Lanesborough (see House Bill, printed in House, No. 5121) (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 Acting President (Mr. Pacheco) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Pacheco) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Regulating certain musical performances and the protection of performing groups (see Senate, No. 2530);

Relative to the leasing of publicly owned land for agricultural purposes (see House, No. 4658, amended);

Establishing a Charles River water quality commission (see House, No. 4683, amended);

Exempting certain clerical positions in the town of Billerica from the provisions of the civil service law (see House, No. 4695);

Relative to the stabilization fund of the town of Hopkinton (see House, No. 4868);

Designating the town of Natick as the Home of Champions and the city of Brockton as the City of Champions (see House, No. 4958);

Designating an overpass in the city of New Bedford as the George Evangelos Patisteas Memorial Overpass (see House, No. 5295);

Regulating elections in the town of Yarmouth (see House, No. 5300, amended);

Relative to the stabilization fund of the town of Hopedale (see House, No. 5302);

Authorizing the town of Billerica to execute a certain lease (see House, No. 5330);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Tatiana Lara-Melendez, an employee of the Department of Mental Retardation (see House, No. 5336);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Carol Denault, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see House, No. 5342); Designating the rotunda of the West Roxbury District Court as the James Joseph Rush Rotunda (see House, No. 5352); and Providing for bicycle safety (see House, No. 5372).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Moore,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Tuesday 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 the S.S. Leopoldville Disaster.

The Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. McGee, presented a request that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of the victims and survivors of the S.S. Leopoldville disaster on December 24, 1944.

The S.S. Leopoldville was a passenger liner converted for use as a troopship in World War II. It was struck by a torpedo in the English Channel on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1944, five months before the end of the war in Europe. The S.S. Leopoldville was carrying reinforcements from the 262nd and 264th Regiments, 66th Infantry Division of the United States Army toward the Battle of the Bulge on the day the ship was attacked. Of the 2,235 American servicemen on board, approximately 763 died. Massachusetts lost 38 men in the S.S. Leopoldville disaster and there are still survivors living in the Commonwealth.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of the victims and survivors of the S.S. Leopoldville disaster, at twenty minutes past four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Moore, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.