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## UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



### JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

*Wednesday, February 6, 2008.*

Met at two minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Rosenberg in the Chair).

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

#### *Petitions.*

Petitions were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Joyce, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2485) of Brian A. Joyce, Linda D. Forry and Walter F. Timilty (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Milton to issue one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises of a certain restaurant [Local approval received];

**Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.**

By the same Senator, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2486) of Brian A. Joyce, Linda D. Forry and Walter F. Timilty (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to educational expenditures in the town of Milton [Local approval received]; and

By the same Senator, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2487) of Brian A. Joyce, Linda D. Forry and Walter F. Timilty (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Milton to borrow money to fund certain payments [Local approval received];

**Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

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

Mr. Brewer presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Stephen M. Brewer for legislation in favor of a certain employee of the Monson Developmental Center,— **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

#### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Moore, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, Nos. 707 and 403 and House, Nos. 605 and 606, a Bill relative to rates for residential care facilities (Senate, No. 2484) [Estimated cost — more than \$100,000]; and

By Mr. McGee, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on Senate, No. 2123 and House, No. 3729, a Bill relative to veteran's benefits for surviving spouses (Senate, No. 2123, changed in line 5 by striking out the number "1,500" and inserting in place thereof the number "2,000");

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

#### *Committee Discharged.*

Mr. Downing, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the Senate Resolve to create a commission to determine the capital needs of community hospitals (Senate, No. 692);

Of the Senate Resolve relative to assessing the future need for elderly housing in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 771); and  
Of the Senate Resolve creating a special commission on institutional long term care services (Senate, No. 2417);  
**And recommending that the same severally be referred to the Senate committee on Ethics and Rules.**  
**Under Senate Rule 36, the reports were severally considered forthwith and accepted.**

#### PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A report of the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3695) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to certain sales tax exemptions for veterans' organizations, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Revenue,— **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

#### *Resolutions.*

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were severally considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:—  
Resolutions (filed by Ms. Menard) “commending the Massachusetts Dental Society’s recognition of February 1, 2008, as Give Kids a Smile Day”; and  
Resolutions (filed by Ms. Walsh) “congratulating James M. Sutton on his retirement from the Dedham District Court Probation Department.”

#### *Reports of Committees.*

Mr. Downing, 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 Senate Bill relative to the educational requirements of steam boiler “special license” (Senate, No. 173).

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Downing, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

By Mr. Downing, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Resolve to create a cranberry heritage study commission (Senate, No. 2012),— **ought to pass.**

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tisei, and the resolve was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

By Mr. Panagiotakos, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill establishing the Quaboag and Ware River Valley Heritage District Commission (Senate, No. 489),— **ought to pass.**

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tisei, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

By Mr. Panagiotakos, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill making certain changes in the bidding of public construction contracts (Senate, No. 1903),— **ought to pass, with an amendment striking out, in line 4, the words “ten thousand dollars” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— “\$20,000”.**

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

**The bill (Senate, No. 1903, amended) was then ordered to a third reading.**

#### PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

The Senate Bill relative to a certain motor vehicle number plate (printed as House, No. 221),— **came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with an amendment striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: “Dexter Olsson may transfer said plate to one of his direct descendants by will.”**

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tisei, and the matter was considered forthwith.**

**Mr. Augustus, for the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the amendment.**

**The report was accepted.**

**The House amendment was then considered and adopted, in concurrence.**

#### *Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tisei,—

*Ordered,* That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at one o’clock P.M., in a full formal session.

On motion of the same Senator, at thirteen minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following day at one o’clock P.M.