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## UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



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*Thursday, April 19, 2007.*

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Pacheco in the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. Pacheco), members, guests and employees then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

#### *Distinguished Guests.*

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Pacheco) handed the gavel to Messrs. O'Leary and Hedlund for the purpose of an introduction. Messrs. O'Leary and Hedlund introduced Remington Lovell of Hingham and Susan Parker Brauner of Harwichport, who are descendants of Colonel John Parker, the Commander of American revolutionary forces in Lexington and Concord on this day in 1775, when the first battle of the Revolutionary War in Lexington, Massachusetts took place. Remington Lovell briefly addressed the Senate, and, with Mrs. Brauner, signed the guest book and withdrew from the Chamber.

#### *Communication.*

A communication from the Department of Public Health relative to a plan of correction submitted pursuant to inspection of the Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center (received Wednesday, April 18, 2007),— **was placed on file.**

#### *Petitions.*

Petitions were presented and referred, as follows:

By Ms. Chandler, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Harriette L. Chandler, Lewis G. Evangelidis, Stephen M. Brewer, Harold P. Naughton, Jr. and other members of the General Court for legislation to authorize the Wachusett Regional School District to borrow money for the cleanup of oil contamination and related costs; and

By Ms. Wilkerson, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dianne Wilkerson for legislation relative to the Hynes Convention Center and the Boston Common Garage;

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

#### *Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. Brewer, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on Senate, No. 2133 and House, No. 3711, a Bill relative to the Secretary of Veterans' Services (Senate, No. 2214);

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

### PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Messages were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to further regulating post-release supervision (House, No. 500); and

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to enhancing information sharing concerning at-risk juveniles (House, No. 501);

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

A report of the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1729) of Robert P. Spellane and others relative to employer assisted housing, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Housing,— **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 Messrs. Barrios and Tolman) “recognizing the city of Cambridge observance of May 1, 2007 as Central Square Theater Day”;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Knapik and Brewer, Ms. Candaras, Messrs. Downing, Hedlund, Moore, O’Leary and Panagiotakos, Ms. Resor, Mr. Rosenberg, Ms. Spilka, and Ms. Tucker) “on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Massachusetts Women in Public Higher Education”;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Murray) “recognizing the town of Plymouth’s observance of Tire Safety Week”;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Daniel F. Cushing upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Robert Stearns on his retirement from Little League Baseball.”

*Reports of Committees.*

By Ms. Menard, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Richard T. Moore, Lida E. Harkins, Susan C. Fargo, Benjamin B. Downing and other members of the General Court for legislation to encourage private support for public schools.

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Hedlund, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Education.**

By Ms. Menard, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Richard T. Moore, Stephen M. Brewer, Todd M. Smola, Geraldo Alicea and other members of the General Court for legislation to revise the composition and duties of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley Heritage District and Commission.

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Hedlund, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.**

By Ms. Menard, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Richard T. Moore and Jennifer M. Callahan for legislation relative to the use of certain bonds by the Blackstone Millville Regional School District.

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Hedlund, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

By Ms. Menard, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Richard T. Moore, Jennifer L. Flanagan, Denise Provost, Thomas P. Kennedy and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to credible service for service rendered as a school nurse.

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Hedlund, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Severally sent to the House for concurrence.**

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. O’Leary,—

*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.

*Adjournment in Memory of Ross Alameddine of Saugus and the Other Victims of the Tragic Virginia Tech Shooting.*

The Senator from Middlesex, Suffolk and Essex, Mr. Barrios, and the Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. McGee, presented a request that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Ross Alameddine and the other victims of the Virginia Tech shooting.

Ross Alameddine was a sophomore at Virginia Tech and a Saugus resident who was lost in the tragedy at Virginia Tech on Monday, April 16, 2007.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Ross Alameddine and the other victims of the Virginia Tech shooting, at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. O'Leary, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.