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Thursday, February 5, 2009.

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

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

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Morrissey) “congratulating Philip B. Nedelman, M.D. for 45 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the South Shore Hospital community”; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Tucker) “commending James Edward ‘Jim’ Rice upon his election to the Baseball Hall of Fame and for his outstanding contributions to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.”

Communication.

The Clerk read the following communication:

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

February 3, 2009.

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

Dear Mr. Clerk:

During the formal session held on January 29, 2009, I was absent from the Chamber because of a previously scheduled meeting of the National Conference of State Legislatures’ Executive Committee.

Consequently, I was not recorded on several roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Redistricting Commission
Amendment — (Independent Commission) — Yes.

Senate Rules

Amendment — (Members Under Indictment) — Yes.

Additionally, I would like to indicate my overall support for the recently adopted Senate Rules. These rules are fair and indicate our genuine desire to move beyond the issues of the past and focus our efforts on navigating the Commonwealth through the complex issues facing us presently.

I respectfully request that a copy of this letter be printed in the Journal of the Senate. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,
RICHARD T. MOORE,
State Senator,
Worcester and Norfolk District.

On motion of Mr. Timilty, the above communication was ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Petition.

On motion of Mr. Tarr, Senate Rule 20 was suspended on the petition, presented by Mr. Baddour, (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 10) of Steven A. Baddour for legislation to modernize the transportation systems of the Commonwealth,— was referred to the temporary Senate committee on Transportation.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,—

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

Adjournment in Memory of William L. Saltonstall.

The Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, requested that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of former Senator William L. Saltonstall.

William L. Saltonstall was born in Newton on May 14, 1927 to Leverett and Alice Saltonstall. His father, Leverett Saltonstall, was the Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1929 to 1937, the Governor of Massachusetts from 1939 to 1945, and a U.S. Senator from Massachusetts from 1945 to 1967. His lineage in Massachusetts dates back to 1630, when Sir Richard Saltonstall helped found the city of Watertown.

After graduating from high school in 1945, Senator Saltonstall joined the Navy and served honorably on a tugboat in Newfoundland. After his term, he enrolled at Harvard, graduating in 1949. He worked in his father's Senate office for several years, then returned to Massachusetts to run successfully for the State Senate, where he represented the Third Essex District for 12 years.

In those 12 years, Senator Saltonstall was responsible for many legislative victories, including legislation ensuring bicyclist safety. In a tragic irony, the year after his bicycle safety legislation passed, his daughter Claire was killed while biking, by a driver who veered off the road. The driver never apologized, and because of the fear that the driver was afraid an apology would be construed as an admissible admission of guilt, Senator Saltonstall was instrumental in drafting a law that made private apologies inadmissible in civil lawsuits.

After his retirement, Senator Saltonstall remained active in the community, attending town meetings and making sure always to thank the town officials working without pay who are so essential to the workings of local government. He served on the boards of many Massachusetts institutions, most prominently Tufts Medical Center, where he chaired the Board of Governors.

On Friday, January 23, 2009, Senator Saltonstall passed away in his sleep at home in Manchester-by-the-Sea. He is survived by his wife, Jane; his two children, Will and Abigail; his five grandchildren, Christian, Cedar, Harry, Ericka, and Katrina; and many great-grandchildren. Although he has left us, his dedication to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to the patriotic values with which he grew up will keep his memory strong.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of former Senator William L. Saltonstall, at eleven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Donnelly, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.