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# UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



Monday, August 1, 2011.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Chang-Diaz in the Chair).

The Chair (Ms. Chang-Diaz), members, guests and employees then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Chang-Diaz, for the committee on Education, on Senate, Nos. 204, 205 and 236 and House, Nos. 147, 148, 171, 1046, 1058, 1080 and 2716, a Bill concerning personal financial literacy in schools (Senate, No. 1994); Read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

# PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Grace A. Rugnetta, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (House, No. 3640,-- on petition),-- was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

# Reports

Of the committee on Financial Services, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of so much of the recommendations (accompanied by bill, House, No. 25) of the Commission on Uniform State Laws as relates to making amendments to the uniform commercial code covering general provisions, documents of title and secured transactions,—and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2767) of Paul McMurtry for legislation to establish a group insurance liability fund in the town of Westwood,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Service; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2773) of Angelo M. Scaccia and William F. Galvin for legislation relative to certain business entity procedures,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight;

Of the committee on Housing, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2787) of Demetrius J. Atsalis for legislation to establish construction trust funds and regulating the use of such funds for improvements to property,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure;

Of the committee on Ways and Means (acting jointly), asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1821) of Bradford Hill, Joyce A. Spiliotis and Lori A. Ehlich for legislation relative to total amounts distributed to cities and towns for the purpose of education,—and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Education;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3101) of James Arciero and Carolyn C. Dykema that the General Court determine and publish local aid to cities and towns no later than the first day of march of each year;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3102) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others for legislation to assure fair and adequate municipal gap funding for municipalities; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3103) of Peter V. Kocot for the establishment of a special working group (including members of the General Court) to investigate and make recommendations relative to reforming municipal aid formulas:

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3218) of Martin J. Walsh for legislation to fully fund the collective bargaining agreement in the Sheriff's Department of Suffolk County,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Service;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3309) of John H. Rogers and others relative to the revenue to the stabilization fund:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3384) of Thomas P. Conroy and others relative to the disbursement of tobacco settlement funds; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill. House, No. 3426) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for legislation to require a two-thirds vote of the Senate and House of Representatives prior to making appropriations from the Stabilization Fund;

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Revenue.

Were severally 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 Mr. Brewer) "honoring Richard Paul Kaczmarczyk on the occasion of his retirement";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tolman) "honoring Lance Corporal Connor Maguire for his distinguished military service upon his safe return from combat duty in Afghanistan"; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Wolf) "congratulating Nantucket Cottage Hospital on its one hundredth anniversary."

## PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3645) of Cynthia Cushing for legislation relative to patient information regarding reconstructive surgery;

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Health.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3646) of Denise Andrews and Stanley C. Rosenberg for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Terri A. Demars, an employee of the Department of State Police;

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

### Communication.

There being no objection, the Chair (Ms. Chang-Diaz) recognized the Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, who made the following remarks:

Senator Spilka and I are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a reception with Mr. Spyros Mercouris on August 4, 2011 in the Senate Reading Room from 2 to 4 p.m. Mr. Mercouris, an internationally known personality, will be visiting Boston from Greece.

Spyros Mercouris was born in Athens in 1926. He studied law at the University of Athens and was active in the Resistance during the German and Italian occupation and a member of the resistance organization "Democratic Defense" during the colonels' junta (1967-74) in Greece.

Aside from his years of public service, he enjoyed a great deal of success as an international businessman. Mr. Mercouris is known for his personal contributions to the advancement of Greek culture, a tireless educator and promoter of the role that Greece and the Battle of Marathon played in allowing the development of the Democratic form of government and a recognized

expert on the contributions Greece has made toward the advancement of western civilization.

On motion of Mr. Tarr, the above remarks were ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Keenan,--

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

On motion of Mr. Tarr, at five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.