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## UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



### JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

*Thursday, September 8, 2011.*

Met at five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Petrucci in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

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

#### *Report of a Committee.*

By Ms. Clark, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill relative to the contributions of certain employees in the town of Plymouth (Senate, No. 1346) [Local approval received];

**Read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

### PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3705) of Brian S. Dempsey and Steven A. Baddour (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the clerk of the city of Haverhill to arrange the names of the candidates for municipal elective office by way of random drawing,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.**

#### *Bills*

Relative to the town of Burlington representative town meeting form of government (House, No. 3501,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Exempting the position of inspector of buildings, also known as the building commissioner, of the town of Natick from the provisions of the civil service law (House, No. 3507,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

**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 Messrs. Brewer, Baddour and Berry, Ms. Chandler, Ms. Clark, Ms. Creem, Mr. Donnelly, Ms. Fargo, Ms. Flanagan and Messrs. Joyce, Michael O. Moore, Richard T. Moore, Pacheco and Tolman) "recognizing Admetech Foundation as the host of the Third Annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Day at the Massachusetts State House on September 15, 2011";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Richard T. Moore) "commending the Department of Public Health and the Department of Elder Affairs on the occasion of Falls Prevention Awareness Day 2011";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rosenberg) "congratulating the Massachusetts Farm to School Project on its celebration of Massachusetts Harvest for Students Week"; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka and Mr. Ross) "congratulating the Morris family of Natick on the dedication of the Morris Family Square in the town of Natick."

*Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.*

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

The House Bill exempting Scott Lawrence from maximum age requirement for applying for civil service appointment as a police officer in the town of Ware (House, No. 3464),-- **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 exempting Scott Lawrence from the maximum age requirement for applying for civil service appointment as a police officer in the town of Ware”.**

The House Bill exempting Daniel J. Clark from maximum age requirement for applying for civil service appointment as a police officer in the town of Ware (House, No. 3465),-- **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 exempting Daniel J. Clark from the maximum age requirement for applying for civil service appointment as a police officer in the town of Ware”.**

**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. Petrucci) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Exempting certain positions in the town of Shrewsbury from the civil service law (see Senate, No. 1937); and  
Relative to derivative activities of state banks (see House, No. 303).

*Emergency Preambles Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Debra Callinan, an employee of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts (see House, No. 3616, 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 2 to 0.**

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

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Annmarie Kineavy, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 3691, 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 2 to 0.**

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

*Engrossed Bills.*

The following engrossed bills (all 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. Petrucci) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Validating a certain vote taken by the town of Tewksbury (see Senate, No. 1909);

Amending the charter of the city of Malden (see Senate, No. 1923, amended);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Bethany M. Tsioropoulos, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (see Senate, No. 2002); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Caron Parker, an employee of the Department of Revenue (see Senate, No. 2003).

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

*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.

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Petrucci), the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Richard F. “Rick” Rossi.

*Adjournment in Memory of Richard F. Rossi.*

The Senator from Plymouth and Barnstable, Ms. Murray, the Senator from Middlesex, Ms. Fargo, and the Senator from Middlesex, Suffolk and Essex, Mr. DiDomenico, requested that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of long time legislative employee Richard F. Rossi of Waltham who passed away Monday, September 5th after a long and brave battle against colon cancer.

Born in Revere and a graduate of Revere High School, Rick received his Bachelor's degree from Suffolk University. He went on to work at Wang Laboratories before coming to work for the Commonwealth.

Known as a hands-on leader, Rick possessed a never-ending quest to learn everything about current technology. It was not uncommon to learn that Rick spent his weekend resolving technical issues so the Legislature could continue to serve the needs of the people of Massachusetts.

Impressing the Senate leadership team on his technical depth, Rick became the Director of Technology for the Senate, and was then promoted to head up the Joint Legislature's infrastructure team when the House, Senate and Joint Technology teams were combined.

His decades-long work at the State House was punctuated by his gracious smile that would light up the room and make everyone feel at ease. A leader among technologists, his warm personality and continuous contributions will be missed by his coworkers, Legislators and staff.

Rick's work ethic was only surpassed by his commitment to his family, wife Sharon R. Rossi; his children, Melissa A. Rossi, Richard F. Rossi Jr. and Ashlee M. Rossi, and his much loved dog, "Julia".

A baseball enthusiast, Rick coached Waltham Youth Baseball for many years and spent his free time tending to his garden and yard.

And, even as he battled cancer, he remained committed to the people he loved and to the people of the Commonwealth.

It is with a heavy heart that we mourn our friend and colleague Rick, and extend our deepest sympathies to Sharon and the entire Rossi family.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Richard F. "Rick" Rossi, at twenty-eight minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.