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JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

Thursday, July 28, 2011.

Met according to adjournment at one o'clock P.M. (Mr. Rosenberg in the Chair).

Distinguished Guest.

There being no objection, the President handed the gavel to Ms. Jehlen for the purpose of an introduction. Ms. Jehlen then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Laura Herlihy from Winchester. Laura is an intern in House Counsel and is a student at St. Michael's College. The Senate welcomed her with applause and she withdrew from the Chamber.

Communications.

Several communications were received and placed on file:

Communication from the Honorable Cynthia Stone Creem in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Thursday, July 28, 2011, at twenty-seven minutes past twelve o'clock noon);

Communication from the Honorable Steven A. Baddour, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Thursday, July 28, 2011, at three o'clock P.M.);

Communication from the Honorable Harriette L. Chandler, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Thursday, July 28, 2011, at three o'clock P.M.);

Communication from the Honorable Eileen M. Donoghue, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Thursday, July 28, 2011, at three o'clock P.M.);

Communication from the Honorable Thomas M. McGee, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Thursday, July 28, 2011, at three o'clock P.M.); and

Communication from the Honorable Anthony W. Petruccelli, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Thursday, July 28, 2011, at three o'clock P.M.).

Petition.

Ms. Clark presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate No.1990) of Katherine M. Clark, Paul J. Donato, Christopher G. Fallon and Stephen Stat Smith (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the administrative organization of financial officers [Local approval received];

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

Sent to House for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on petition, a Bill relative to psychotropic medications (Senate, No. 262);

Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Clark, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Foxborough to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of police officer (Senate, No. 1887) [Local approval received];

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill exempting the position of police chief in the town of Marblehead from civil service law (Senate, No. 1929) [Local approval received];

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill exempting certain positions in the town of Shrewsbury from civil service law (Senate, No. 1937) [Local approval received]; and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the civil service requirement for Antonio F. Dinis (Senate, No. 1942) [Local approval received];

Severally 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. 3635) of Aaron Michlewitz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to rent regulation in governmentally-involved housing in the city of Boston,-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Housing.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Debra Callinan, an employee of the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea (Senate, No. 3616,-- on petition);- was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills

Relative to the markings of lobster buoys (House, No. 1851,-- on petition); and Designating certain pavilions in the city of Revere as the Peter E. McCauley III.

memorial pavilion and the Norman Gautreau memorial pavilion (House, No. 2022,-- on petition);

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Ethics and Rules.

A Bill relative to the appointment of a town manager in the town of Wilmington (House, No. 3455,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Recess.

There being no objection, at one minute past one o'clock P.M. the Chair (Mr. Rosenberg) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and, at twenty-six minutes before two o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair.

The President, members, guests and employees then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

 $Emergency\ Preamble\ Adopted.$

An engrossed Bill relative to economic development in the North Point area of the city of Cambridge (see Senate, No. 1955, 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 15 to 0.

The bill was signed by the President and sent to the House for enactment.

Matter Taken Out of the Notice Section of the Calendar.

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Notice Section of the Calendar and considered, as follows:

The Senate Dill realidating a cortain reate talean by the town of Towlechway (Senate

No. 1909),-- was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were considered, as follows:

The House Bill authorizing the town of Norwood to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages (House, No. 973),-- was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate Bills

Authorizing the establishment of a sewer construction fund for the town of Barnstable (Senate, No. 1065, amended) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Authorizing the sale of land by the Wakefield Housing Authority (Senate, No. 1986);

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

There being no objection, one matter was considered out of order in the Orders of the Day, the Senate Bill relative to an exclusive and perpetual easement within Monroe State Forest (Senate, No. 1988),-- was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Downing moved that the bill be amneded in section 1, by striking out, in line 14, the word "VE-106 - 108" and inserting in place thereof the following word: "VE-103 - 108".

The amendment was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No, 1988, amended) was then passed to be engrossed. Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill further regulating dam safety, repair and removal (Senate, No. 1985),-- was read a third time.

After debate and pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Tarr moved that the bill be amended in section 4, in proposed section 61, by

adding the following paragraph.-

"Notwithstanding section 48B of chapter 253 or any other general or special law to the contrary, no city or town that acquires by gift, purchase, eminent domain under chapter 79, or otherwise, a dam, as defined in section 44 of chapter 253, located within the city or town, including any real property appurtenant thereto, for the purposes of removing, repairing, reconstructing or making improvements to the dam, shall be liable for the damages resulting from any breach or collapse of a dam that results from a structural defect that pre-existed the city or town acquiring the dam or from remedial actions undertaken by the city or town to correct such defects; provided, however, that the maintenance, removal, reconstruction or improvements made to the dam shall be performed in accordance with applicable laws and permits; and provided further, that no city or town shall be exempt from liability if the damage results from an act or omission resulting from willful conduct or gross negligence."

After further debate, the amendment was rejected.

Messrs. Hedlund and Tarr moved that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following new text:-"SECTION 1. Chapter 29C of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 18A. (a) In addition to the powers and duties of the board otherwise provided in this chapter, the trust shall be the instrumentality of the commonwealth to establish and administer the Public Safety Infrastructure Revolving Fund, established pursuant to this section. The board shall apply monies in the fund for the purpose of providing financial assistance to local governmental units and other eligible borrowers as provided herein, as beneficiaries of the fund, to finance or refinance costs of eligible coastal and shorefront infrastructure projects including, but not limited to seawalls and jetties, and inland infrastructure projects including, but not limited to, dams and other means of flood control pending the approval by the department of environmental protection.

(b) The board shall receive in trust, hold, administer and disburse, without further appropriation or allotment by the commonwealth in and from the fund, exclusively for the benefit of the beneficiaries thereof the following monies: (i) amounts appropriated by the commonwealth to the trust for purposes of the fund; (ii) proceeds of bonds of the trust to the extent required by the board's resolution for

issuance of such bonds or any applicable trust agreement; (iii) investment earnings on monies in the fund; and (iv) any other amounts required to be credited to the fund by law or by any resolution, loan agreement or trust agreement of the board or which the board shall otherwise determine to deposit therein.

(c) In the implementation of this section and the administration of the fund, all provisions of this chapter and subsections (a), (c), (e) and (f) of section 27A of chapter 21 applicable to the Water Pollution Abatement Revolving Fund and the provision of financial assistance by the trust to local governmental units and other eligible borrowers for costs of inland flood control and coastal protection projects shall be equally applicable, to the extent consistent with this section, to the Public Safety Infrastructure Revolving Fund and to the provision of financial assistance for costs of inland flood control and coastal protection projects; provided, however, that the board and the department shall have the power and shall be subject to the applicable limitations provided in this chapter and said subsections (a), (c), (e) and (f) of said section 27A of said chapter 21 to carry out this section. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the board may apply and disburse monies and revenues of the Public Safety Infrastructure Revolving Fund: (i) to make and enter into binding commitments to make, loans and other forms of financial assistance authorized by the board to local governmental units and other eligible borrowers for the purpose of financing or refinancing costs of inland flood control and coastal protection projects or portions thereof which have been approved by the department, including approval of the costs of such projects or portions thereof eligible to receive financial assistance as provided in this section, and completed, as determined by the department, after the promulgation date of the department's regulations implementing its powers under this section and to provide for all or any part of the debt service costs on loans and other forms of financial assistance made by the trust during the construction of such projects and for such period thereafter as the board shall determine; (ii) to provide reserves for or otherwise secure bonds of the trust and to provide insurance and letters or lines of credit or other credit enhancement which it deems reasonable and appropriate for bonds; (iii) to provide and enter into binding commitments to provide a subsidy for, or to otherwise assist local governmental units and other eligible borrowers in the payment of, debt service costs on loans and other forms of financial assistance made by the trust pursuant to this section and to provide any other subsidization authorized by the board in addition to the subsidy or other assistance authorized by this section; (iv) to provide reserves for, or to otherwise secure, amounts payable by local governmental units and other eligible borrowers on, loans and other forms of

financial assistance made by the trust pursuant to this section; and (v) to provide payment from any available source for reasonable and necessary professional and financial services incident to the conduct of the programs of the trust, including costs of issuance of its bonds.

- (d) The department and the board shall establish standards, guidelines, criteria and other rules and regulations for the administration and implementation of their powers under this section including, without limitation, a priority system and priority list for the approval of projects, the determination of eligible borrowers and eligible costs of projects and the terms and conditions of loans by the trust.
- (e) In addition to the authority provided in section 9, the board may provide by resolution for the issuance from time to time of bonds of the trust to carry out the purposes of this section. The holders of such bonds shall also be beneficiaries of the Public Safety Infrastructure Revolving Fund to the extent provided in any trust agreement entered into by the trust with such holders. Except where otherwise prohibited, the board may secure bonds of the trust by pledging monies held in or otherwise allocable to either or both the Water Pollution Abatement Revolving Fund or the Public Safety Infrastructure Revolving Fund, where the board determines that doing so will reasonably promote the purposes of either or both funds.
- (f) Any local governmental unit and any other eligible borrowers may apply to the trust for a loan or other financial assistance authorized by the board to assist in financing or refinancing the cost of a drinking water project approved by the department. For entering into a loan or other financial assistance for financing or refinancing a public safety infrastructure project and establishing the authorized terms and conditions thereof and for issuing any local governmental obligations to secure the same, a local governmental unit shall be deemed to have all of the same powers expressly granted to local governmental units by this chapter with respect to loans or other financial assistance for financing or refinancing public safety infrastructure projects and the powers granted to any such local governmental unit in any bond act applicable to it specifically or as a member of a class of governmental instrumentalities.
- (g) In addition to the purposes set forth in subsection (c), the board shall apply and disburse monies in the fund, including contract assistance as provided in this subsection, or shall otherwise structure the debt service costs on loans and other

forms of financial assistance made by the trust, to provide a grant or subsidy or other assistance to local governmental units and other eligible borrowers in the payment of debt service costs on all permanent loans and other forms of financial assistance made by the trust pursuant to this section."

Mr. Tolman in the Chair, after debate, the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Brewer moved to amend the bill in section 1, by striking out proposed section 66 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

"Section 66. The department of conservation and recreation shall review and approve projects to receive loan funds from the Dam Repair and Revolving Loan Fund established under section 2CCCC of chapter 29. The department of conservation and recreation shall promulgate regulations, in consultation with the secretary for administration and finance, identifying the application process and the terms and conditions of approving such loans. Loans shall be shall be made available to private dam owners and cities and towns to inspect, repair and remove dams. Priority in the approval of projects shall be given to: (i) cities, towns and charitable, tax exempt organizations; and (ii) projects to repair or remove high hazard and significant hazard dams, as defined by department of conservation and recreation regulations."; and by striking out section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sections:-

"SECTION 3. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2BBBB the following section:-

Section 2CCCC. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund, to be known as the Dam Repair and Removal Revolving Loan Fund, into which shall be deposited amounts credited to the fund in accordance with section 19 of chapter 29C. The fund shall be administered in accordance with said section 19 of said chapter 29C by the board of trustees of the water pollution abatement trust created thereunder and shall be held in trust exclusively for the purposes and the beneficiaries described therein. The state treasurer shall be the custodian of the fund and its moneys and securities.

SECTION 3A. Chapter 29C of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 19. (a) In addition to the powers and duties of the board otherwise

provided in this chapter, the trust shall be the instrumentality of the commonwealth to establish and administer the Dam Repair and Removal Revolving Loan Fund established in section 2CCCC of chapter 29. The board shall apply monies in the fund to provide financial assistance through a program of low-interest, long-term loans to eligible borrowers for projects approved by the department of conservation and recreation under section 66 of chapter 21.

- (b) The board shall receive in trust, hold, administer and disburse, without further appropriation or allotment by the commonwealth in and from the fund the following monies: (i) amounts appropriated by the commonwealth to the trust for purposes of the fund; (ii) notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary and upon approval by the board of trustees, any amounts transferred to the trust by the state treasurer in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (c) of section 16 of chapter 275 of the acts of 1989, for the Water Pollution Abatement and Drinking Water Projects Administration Fund, and applied by the trust to make loans to local governmental units in accordance with section 26 of chapter 203 of the acts of 1992, including repayments on such loans and any investment earnings thereon; (iii) proceeds of bonds of the trust to the extent required by the board's resolution for issuance of such bonds or any applicable trust agreement; (iv) investment earnings on monies in the fund; and (v) any other amounts required to be credited to the fund by any law or by any resolution, loan agreement or trust agreement of the board or which the board shall otherwise determine to deposit therein.
- (c) In the implementation of this section and administration of the Dam Repair and Removal Revolving Loan Fund, the trust shall have all powers to make loans, require and receive security therefor and collect loan repayments applicable to the Water Pollution Abatement Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water Revolving Fund or as necessary for the prudent administration of the Dam Repair and Removal Revolving Loan Fund.
- (d) The trust, after consultation with the commissioner of conservation and recreation and the secretary of administration and finance, shall promulgate regulations to implement and administer this section."

The amendment was adopted.

The question on passing the bill to be engrossed, was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at thirteen minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Pacheco, as follows to wit (yeas 37 - nays 0) [Yeas and Nays No. 56]:

YEAS

Baddour, Steven Joyce, Brian A. Berry, Frederick Keenan, John F. E. Brewer, Stephen Kennedy, Thomas M. Candaras, Gale Knapik, Michael R. D. Chandler, McGee, Thomas Harriette L. M. Chang-Diaz, Montigny, Mark Sonia Clark, Katherine Moore, Michael M. Ο. Creem, Cynthia Pacheco, Marc R. Stone DiDomenico, Sal Petruccelli, N. Anthony Donnelly, Rodrigues, Kenneth J. Michael J. Donoghue, Eileen Rosenberg, M. Stanley C. Downing, Ross, Richard J. Benjamin B. Eldridge, James Spilka, Karen E. B. Fargo, Susan C. Tarr, Bruce E. Finegold, Barry Timilty, James E R. Flanagan, Tolman, Steven A. Jennifer L. Hart, John A., Jr. Welch, James T. Hedlund, Robert Wolf, Daniel A. -

37.

Jehlen, Patricia D.

NAYS - 0.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING

Moore, Richard Rush, Michael T. F.— 2.

The President in the Chair, the yeas and nays having been completed at eight minutes before three o'clock P.M., the bill (Senate, No. 1985, amended) was passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill reforming alimony in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3617, amended) was read a third time.

After remarks and pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment, Ms. Candaras moved that the bill be amended in section 4, in subsection (b) by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

"Existing alimony awards shall be deemed general term alimony. Existing alimony awards which exceed the durational limits established in said section 49 of said chapter 208 shall be modified upon a complaint for modification without additional material change of circumstance, unless the court finds that deviation from the durational limits is warranted."

The amendment was adopted.

The question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment, was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at twenty-four minutes past three o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Candaras, as follows to wit (yeas 36 - nays 0) [Yeas and Nays No. 57]:

YEAS

Baddour, Steven A.

Jehlen,
Patricia D.

Joyce,
Brian A.

Keenan.

Brewer, Stephen M.	John F.	
Candaras, Gale D.	Kennedy, Thomas P.	
Chandler, Harriette L.	Knapik, Michael R.	
Chang-Diaz, Sonia	McGee, Thomas M.	
Clark, Katherine M.	Montigny, Mark C.	
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Moore, Michael O.	
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Pacheco, Marc R.	
Donnelly, Kenneth J.	Petruccelli, Anthony	
Donoghue, Eileen M.	Rodrigues, Michael J.	
Downing, Benjamin B.	Rosenberg, Stanley C.	
Eldridge, James B	Spilka, Karen E.	
Fargo, Susan C.	Tarr, Bruce E.	
Finegold, Barry R.	Timilty, James E	
Flanagan, Jennifer L.	Tolman, Steven A.	
Hart, John A., Jr.	Welch, James T.	
Hedlund, Robert L.	Wolf, Daniel A. — 36.	
NAYS — 0.		
ANSWERED "PRESENT".		

ANSWERED "PRESENT".

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ABSENT OR NOT VOTING

Rush,

Moore, Richard T. Michael

F.-2.

The year and nays having been completed at twenty-eight minutes past three o'clock P.M., the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment previously adopted by the Senate, as amended.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

The Senate Bill providing access to forensic and scientific analysis (Senate, No. 1987),-- was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Tarr moved that the bill be amended by striking out, in line 168, the words "endeavor to".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the bill be amended in section 1, in clause (3) of section 10 of proposed chapter 278A, by striking out the words "by the moving party as an extra fee or cost in an amount the court deems equitable" and inserting in place thereof the following words: "by the moving party to the maximum feasible amount possible given the financial resources of the moving party as the court deems equitable".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the bill be amended by striking out proposed section 15 of chapter 278A of the General Laws.

The amendment was rejected.

- Ms. Creem moved that the bill be amended by striking out proposed subsection (e) of section 3 of chapter 278A of the General Laws and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-
- "(e) The court shall expeditiously review all motions filed and shall dismiss, without prejudice, any such motion without a hearing if the court determines, based on the information contained in the motion, that the motion does not meet the

requirements set forth in this section. The prosecuting attorney may provide a response to the motion, to assist the court in considering whether the motion meets the requirement under this section. The court shall notify the moving party and the prosecuting attorney as to whether the motion is sufficient to proceed under this chapter or is dismissed."

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Creem moved to amend the bill by striking out proposed clause (iv) of paragraph (5) of subsection (b) of section 3 of chapter 278A of the General Laws and inserting in place thereof the following clause:-

"(iv) the moving party's attorney in the underlying case was aware at the time of the conviction of the existence of the evidence or biological material, the results of the requested analysis were admissible as evidence in courts of the commonwealth, a reasonably effective attorney would have sought the analysis and either the moving party's attorney failed to seek the analysis or the judge denied the request; or".

The amendment was adopted.

Subsequently, the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, was determined by a call of the year and nays, at seven minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Creem, as follows to wit (year 37 - nays 0) [Year and Nays No. 59]:

YEAS

Baddour, Steven
A.

Berry, Frederick
E.

Brewer, Stephen Kennedy, Thomas
M.
P.

Candaras, Gale Knapik, Michael
D.
R.

Chandler, McGee, Thomas
Harriette L.

Chang-Diaz, Montigny, Mark
Sonia C.

Clark, Katherine Moore, Michael

M. O.

Creem, Cynthia

Stone

Pacheco, Marc R.

DiDomenico, Sal Petruccelli,

N. Anthony

Donnelly, Rodrigues,

Kenneth J. Michael J.

Donoghue, Eileen Rosenberg,

M. Stanley C.

Downing,

Ross, Richard J. Benjamin B.

Eldridge, James

B.

Spilka, Karen E.

Fargo, Susan C. Tarr, Bruce E.

Finegold, Barry Timilty, James E

R.

Flanagan, Jennifer L.

Tolman, Steven A.

Hart, John A., Jr. Welch, James T.

Hedlund, Robert Wolf, Daniel A. -

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Jehlen, Patricia

D.

NAYS = 0.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING

Moore, Richard Rush, Michael

T. F.-2.

The year and nays having been completed at three minutes before four o'clock P.M., the bill (Senate, No. 1987, amended) was passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Report of Committees.

By Mr. Berry, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting

M Clark and Paul Brodeur for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for JoAnne Pierce, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Hart, 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.

By Mr. Berry, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Michael J. Rodrigues, Michael Moore, Michael Knapik, William "Smitty" Pignatelli and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the use of off-highway and recreation vehicles

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Hart, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation. Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3641) of Robert M. Koczera and mark C. Montigny for legislation relative to health insurance coverage for Devic's disease:

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Financial Services.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3642) of Peter J. Durant and Richard T. Moore for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Mark Denault, an employee of the Department of Transportation;

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3643) of David B. Sullivan, Michael J. Rodrigues and another (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation that the city of Fall River be authorized to take control of a portion of Davol Street in said city;

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

Engrossed Bill—Land Taking for Conservation Etc.

An engrossed Bill relative to economic development in the North Point area of the city of Cambridge (see Senate, No. 1955, amended) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage,—was put upon its final passage; and, this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the question on passing it to be enacted was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at sixteen minutes before four o'clock P.M., as follows, to wit (yeas 36 - nays 1) [Yeas and Nays No. 58]:

YEAS

Baddour, Steven Jehlen, Patricia D. A. Berry, Frederick Keenan, John F. E. Brewer, Stephen Kennedy, Thomas P. M. Knapik, Michael Candaras, Gale D. Chandler. McGee, Thomas Harriette L. M. Chang-Diaz, Sonia $\frac{\text{Montigny, Mark}}{\text{C}}$. Clark, Katherine Moore, Michael O. M. Creem, Cynthia Pacheco, Marc Stone DiDomenico, Sal Petruccelli, Anthony N. Donnelly, Kenneth Rodrigues, J. Michael J. Donoghue, Eileen Rosenberg, M. Stanley C. Downing, Ross, Richard J. Benjamin B.

Eldridge, James B. Spilka, Karen E.

Fargo, Susan C. Tarr, Bruce E.

Finegold, Barry R. Timilty, James E

Flanagan, Jennifer Tolman, Steven

L. A.

Hart, John A., Jr. Welch, James T.

Hedlund, Robert Wolf, Daniel A.

L. — 36.

NAYS - 0.

Joyce, Brian A. -

1.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING

Moore, Richard T. Rush, Michael F.—2.

The yeas and nays having been completed at thirteen minutes before four o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having agreed to pass the same, and it was signed by the President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

The House Bill providing for a certain exemption from the sales tax (printed as Senate, No. 156, amended, -- on petition), -- was read.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Brewer, and the bill was read a second time.

After debate and pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Tarr moved that the bill be amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:

"SECTION__. Chapter 64H of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding, after section 6, the following:-Section 6A. The commissioner of revenue is hereby authorized and directed to annually designate, by July 15 of each calendar year, a two-day weekend in August during which no excise shall be imposed upon non-business sales at retail in the commonwealth of tangible personal property, as defined in section 1 of this chapter, but for the purposes of this section, tangible personal property shall not include telecommunications, gas, steam, electricity, motor vehicles, boats, meals, or any single item whose price is in excess of \$2,500.

For the days designated by the commissioner pursuant to the provisions of this section, a vendor in the commonwealth shall not add to the sales price or collect from any non-business purchaser an excise upon sales at retail of tangible personal property, as defined in section 1 of this chapter. The commissioner of revenue shall not require any vendor to collect and pay excise upon sales at retail of tangible personal property purchased on said designated days. Any excise erroneously or improperly collected during the designated days shall be remitted to the department of revenue. This section shall not apply to the sale of telecommunications, tobacco products subject to the excise imposed by chapter 64C of the General Laws, gas, steam, electricity, motor vehicles, motorboats, meals, or any single item whose price is in excess of \$2,500.

When choosing the designated days, the commissioner shall take into consideration the observance of any religious and secular days of observation occurring therein; provided further, that the commissioner shall designate such days so as to maximize the economic benefit to the commonwealth.

Reporting requirements imposed upon vendors of tangible personal property, by law or by regulation, including, but not limited to, the requirements for filing returns required by chapter 62C of the General Laws, shall remain in effect for sales for the days designated by the commissioner.

On or before December 31 of each year, the commissioner of revenue shall certify to the comptroller the amount of sales tax forgone, as well as new revenue raised from personal and corporate income taxes and other sources, because of this act. The commissioner shall issue a report, detailing by fund the amounts under general and special laws governing the distribution of revenues under this chapter which would have been deposited in each fund, without this act.

The commissioner of revenue shall issue instructions or forms, or promulgate rules or regulations, necessary for the implementation of this act.".

After debate, the question on adoption of the amendment was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at twenty-two minutes before six o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, as follows to wit (yeas 4 - nays 32) [Yeas and Nays No. 60]:

YEAS

Knapik, Michael Ross. Richard J

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K.
                Timilty, James E
Tarr, Bruce E.
             NAYS
Baddour, Steven Hedlund, Robert
A.
                L.
Brewer, Stephen
                Jehlen, Patricia D.
M.
Candaras, Gale
                Joyce, Brian A.
D.
Chandler,
                Keenan, John F.
Harriette L.
Chang-Diaz,
                Kennedy, Thomas
                P.
Sonia
Clark, Katherine McGee, Thomas
                M.
M.
Creem, Cynthia Montigny, Mark
                C.
Stone
DiDomenico, Sal Moore, Michael
N.
                O.
Donnelly,
                Pacheco, Marc R.
Kenneth J.
Donoghue, Eileen Petruccelli,
M.
                Anthony
Downing,
                Rodrigues,
Benjamin B.
                Michael J.
Eldridge, James Rosenberg,
B.
                Stanley C.
Fargo, Susan C. Spilka, Karen E.
Finegold, Barry
                Tolman, Steven A.
R.
Flanagan,
                Welch, James T.
Jennifer L.
                Wolf, Daniel A. -
Hart, John A., Jr. 32.
  ABSENT OR NOT VOTING
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Berry, Frederick Rush, Michael E. F.— 3.

Moore, Richard T.

The year and nays having been completed at eighteen minutes before six o'clock P.M., the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the bill be ameded by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 64H of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 53 of chapter 27 of the Acts of 2009, is hereby amended by striking out the words '6.25 per cent' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 5.625 per cent.

SECTION 2. Section 2 of said chapter 64H of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the words '5.625 per cent' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 5 per cent.

SECTION 3. Section 30A of chapter 64H, as most recently amended by section 53 of chapter 27 of the Acts of 2009, is hereby amended by striking out, in each instance in which it appears, the word '6.25' and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- 5.625.

SECTION 4. Section 30A of said chapter 64H, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in each instance in which it appears, the word '5.625' and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- 5.

SECTION 5. Section 2 of chapter 64I of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 53 of chapter 27 of the Acts of 2009, is hereby amended by striking out the words '6.25 per cent' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 5.625 per cent.

SECTION 6. Section 2 of said chapter 64I of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the words '5.625 per cent' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 5 per cent.

SECTION 7. Section 31A of chapter 64I, as most recently amended by section 53 of chapter 27 of the Acts of 2009, is hereby amended by striking out, in each instance in which it appears, the word '6.25' and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- 5.625.

SECTION 8. Section 31A of said chapter 64I, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in each instance in which it appears, the word '5.625' and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- 5.

SECTION 9. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the days of August 13, 2011 and August 14, 2011, an excise shall not be imposed upon nonbusiness sales at retail of tangible personal property, as defined in section 1 of chapter 64H of the General Laws. For the purposes of this act, tangible personal property shall not include telecommunications, tobacco products subject to the excise imposed by chapter 64C of the General Laws, gas, steam, electricity, motor vehicles, motorboats, meals or a single item the price of which is in excess of \$2,500.

SECTION 10. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the days of August 13, 2011 and August 14, 2011, a vendor shall not add to the sales price or collect from a nonbusiness purchaser an excise upon sales at retail of tangible personal property, as defined in section 1 of chapter 64H of the General Laws. The commissioner of revenue shall not require a vendor to collect and pay excise upon sales at retail of tangible personal property purchased on August 13, 2011 and August 14, 2011. An excise erroneously or improperly collected during the days of August 13, 2011 and August 14, 2011, shall be remitted to the department of revenue. This section shall not apply to the sale of telecommunications, tobacco products subject to the excise imposed by chapter 64C of the General Laws, gas, steam, electricity, motor vehicles, motorboats, meals or a single item the price of which is in excess of \$2,500.

SECTION 11. Reporting requirements imposed upon vendors of tangible personal property, by law or by regulation, including, but not limited to, the requirements for filing returns required by chapter 62C of the General Laws, shall remain in effect for sales for the days of August 13, 2011 and August 14, 2011.

SECTION 12. On or before December 31, 2011, the commissioner of revenue shall certify to the comptroller the amount of sales tax forgone, as well as new

revenue raised from personal and corporate income taxes and other sources, pursuant to this act. The commissioner shall file a report with the joint committee on revenue and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing by fund the amounts under general and special laws governing the distribution of revenues under chapter 64H of the General Laws which would have been deposited in each fund, without this act.

SECTION 13. The commissioner of revenue shall issue instructions or forms, or promulgate rules or regulations, necessary for the implementation of this act.

SECTION 14. Eligible sales at retail of tangible personal property under sections 1 and 2 are restricted to those transactions occurring on August 13, 2011 and August 14, 2011. Transfer of possession of or payment in full for the property shall occur on 1 of those days, and prior sales or layaway sales shall be ineligible.

SECTION 15. Sections 1, 3, 5, and 7, inclusive, of this act shall be effective on July 1, 2012.

SECTION 16. Sections 2, 4, 6, and 8, inclusive, of this act shall be effective on July 1, 2013.".

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment, Mr. Brewer rose to a point of order, which, being stated, was that the amendment was beyond the scope of the legislation.

The President ruled that the amendment was beyond the scope of the limited subject matter of the legislation, and as such, the point of order was well-taken. Mr. Tarr doubted the ruling of the Chair and this motion was seconded; by Mr. Knapik.

After debate, the question on should the ruling of the Chair stand was determined by a call of the yeas and nays at eight minutes before six o'clock P.M, on motion of Mr. Tarr, as follows, to wit (yeas 33 - nays 4) [Yeas and Nays No. 61]:

YEAS

Baddour, Steven
A.

Berry, Frederick
E.

Jehlen, Patricia D.

Joyce, Brian A.

Brewer, Stephen Keenan, John F. M. Kennedy, Candaras, Gale D. Thomas P. Chandler, McGee, Thomas Harriette L. M. Montigny, Mark Chang-Diaz, Sonia C. Clark, Katherine Moore, Michael M. O. Creem, Cynthia Pacheco, Marc Stone R. DiDomenico, Sal Petruccelli, N. Anthony Donnelly, Kenneth Rodrigues, Michael J. J. Donoghue, Eileen Rosenberg, M. Stanley C. Downing, Spilka, Karen E. Benjamin B. Eldridge, James B. Timilty, James E Tolman, Steven Fargo, Susan C. Finegold, Barry R. Welch, James T. Flanagan, Jennifer Wolf, Daniel A. L. **— 33.** Hart, John A., Jr. NAYS Hedlund, Robert Ross, Richard J. L. Knapik, Michael Tarr, Bruce E. -4. R. ABSENT OR NOT VOTING Moore, Richard T. F.— 2. Rush, Michael

The year and nays having been completed at five minutes before six o'clock P.M., the ruling of the Chair stood and the amendment was laid aside.

After debate, the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at four minutes before six o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Chang-Diaz, as follows to wit (yeas 28 - nays 9) [Yeas and Nays No. 62]:

YEAS

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Baddour, Steven	Kennedy,	
A.	Thomas P.	
Brewer, Stephen	Knapik, Michael	
M.	R.	
Candaras, Gale D.	McGee, Thomas M.	
Chandler,	Montigny, Mark	
Harriette L.	C.	
Clark, Katherine	Moore, Michael	
M.	O.	
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Murray, Therese	
Donoghue, Eileen	Petruccelli,	
M.	Anthony	
Downing,	Rodrigues,	
Benjamin B.	Michael J.	
Eldridge, James B.	Rosenberg, Stanley C.	
Fargo, Susan C.	Ross, Richard J.	
Finegold, Barry R.	Spilka, Karen E.	
Flanagan, Jennifer L.	Tarr, Bruce E.	
Hart, John A., Jr.	Timilty, James E	
Joyce, Brian A.	Tolman, Steven A.	
Keenan, John F.	Welch, James T.—28.	

NAYS

Chang-Diaz, Sonia Hedlund, Robert

Creem, Cynthia

Jehlen, Patricia D.

Stone

Donnelly, Kenneth Pacheco, Marc

J.

R.

Eldridge, James B. Wolf, Daniel A.

Fargo, Susan C.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING

Berry, Frederick Rush, Michael

E. F.— **3.**

Moore, Richard T.

The year and nays having been completed at two minutes before six o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill amending the city of Gloucester charter (see Senate, No. 1059, amended) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Order Adopted.

Messrs. Tarr, Hedlund, Knapik and Ross offered the following:-

Ordered, That the Senate shall not consider or act upon any bill authorizing any form of gaming not currently permitted in the Commonwealth, including a bill which authorizes one or more casinos, the placement and operation of slot machines, so-called, or any similar activity until 10 calendar days following the filing of the report of said bill by the senate committee on ways and means with the clerk of the senate.

Under the rules, referred to the committee on Ethics and Rules. Subsequently, Mr. Berry, for the said committee, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Brewer, and the order was considered forthwith and, after remarks, was adopted.

Recess in Memory of Michael Mekonnen

The Senator from Middlesex, Suffolk and Essex, Mr. DiDomenico, moved that when the Senate recesses today, it recess in memory of Chelsea City Councilor Michael Mekonnen.

Chelsea City Councilor Mike MeKonnen, passed away June 30th following a heroic fight against a lengthy illness. Councilor MeKonnen based his existence on hard work, public life, and family. Since his arrival in 1967 from Ethiopia, he was deeply involved in the community and worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for Chelsea residents. As any Chelsea resident will tell you, Mike was a real voice for those seeking a better Chelsea and he was not afraid of anyone in his pursuit of what he believed to be right. Mike was also the founder of NAB – Neighbors Against Blight, when he lived in the Orange Street area of the city. As the head of NAB, he was out day and night in his automobile with a two way radio calling the police when he discovered something that wasn't right. That is the type of Chelsea resident Mike was.

Councilor Mekonnen also served on the Drug Task Force of Chelsea. He was the founder of the County Road, Basset Street, and Reynolds Avenue Homeowners' Associations in Chelsea and he was also the founder of the Chelsea Homeowners' Association. Mr. Mekonnen served on the board of directors of Chelsea Main Streets, and was a member of the local NAACP. Mike came to America as a young man with the clothes on his back and a few dollars in his pocket and he made a great success out of himself and for the residents of Chelsea. He is survived by his wife Ernestine and his son Alexander. Councilor Mike MeKonnen will be missed.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Michael Mekonnen, at six minutes past six o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. DiDomenico, the Senate recessed to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Friday, July 29, 2011. [being the legislative session of Thursday, July 28, 2011.]

Met at six minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Tolman 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. Tolman), members, guests and employees then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Communication.

The Clerk read the following communication:

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

July 29, 2011

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

Dear Mr. Clerk:

During the formal session held on Thursday, July 28, 2011, I was absent from the chamber while serving in my capacity as President of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Consequently, I was not recorded on several roll call votes relative to dam safety repair and removal, alimony reform, forensic analysis, and a sales tax holiday, in addition to other important local matters. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

S 1985 – An Act further regulating dam safety, repair and removal – Yes

H 3617 - An Act reforming alimony in the Commonwealth - Yes

S 1955 - An Act relative to economic development in the North

Point area of Cambridge – Yes
S 1987 – An Act providing access to forensic and scientific analysis
– Yes
S 156 – An Act establishing a sales tax holiday
Amendment – Permanent Sales Tax Holiday – No
Ruling of the Chair – Yes
Engrossment – Yes

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 & Norfolk District

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preamble Adopted; Engrossed Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill providing for a certain exemption from the sales tax (see Senate Bill, printed as Senate, No. 156, 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 3 to 0.

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

Subsequently, the bill, which originated in the Senate, came from the House with the endorsement that it had been enacted in that branch The Senate then passed the bill to be enacted; and it was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Tolman) and laid before the Governor for his approbation

Committee of Conference Report

committee of conference report

A report of the committee of conference of the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendments to the House Bill relative to the reorganization of the judicial system of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3395, amended) (amended by the Senate by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 1911), reports a new draft (House, No. 3644) -- came from the House, and was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith.

Pending the question on accepting the report of the conference committee, there being no objection, the Clerk read the following communication relative to the conference committee report:

July 29, 2011

The following language was incorrectly reported in the final conference committee report for an act relative to the reorganization of the judicial system of the commonwealth. The conferees respectfully request that the following amendments be made to the conference committee report:

in line 128, by inserting after the word "justices" the following words:- ", including the chief justice,"; and

by striking out lines 394 to 420; and

by striking out, in line 508, the numeral "(xx)" and inserting in place thereof the following numeral:- (xxi); and

by striking out, in line 516, the numeral "(xxi)" and inserting in place thereof the following numeral:- (xxii); and

by striking out, in line 522, the numeral "(xxii)" and inserting in place thereof the following numeral:- (xxiii); and by striking out line 521; and

in line 655 by striking out the words "the authority to" and inserting in place thereof the following words:-

"the court administrator shall annually"; and

by striking out in lines 660 to 664 the words "To achieve sound exerction of their

department, they shall have the following powers, authority and responsibilities, and shall allocate between themselves primary responsibility for each in a manner on which they agree and that is approved by the chief justice of the trial court and the court administrator" and inserting in place thereof the following words:-

"To achieve sound operation of their department they shall have the following powers, authority and responsibilities, and shall allocate between themselves and the deputy court administrator primary responsibility for each in a manner that conforms to the division of responsibilities between the chief justice of the trial court and the court administrator under sections 9 and 9A of chapter 211B"; and

by striking out, in lines 947 and 948 the words "the chief justice for administration and management" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "the court administrator"; and

by striking out, in lines 987 and 988 the words "the chief justice for administration and management" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "the court administrator"; and

by striking out section 57 and inserting in place thereof the following section: "SECTION 57. Said section 12 of said chapter 211B, as amended by section 56, is hereby further amended by striking out the word "may" the first time it appears and inserting in place thereof the following word: "shall"; and

by striking out, in line 1135, the words "SECTION 78." the second time they appear; and

in line 1213, by inserting the following 2 sentences:- "A chief justice shall hold said office for a term of 5 years, and shall be eligible to be reappointed for additional 5 year terms. A chief justice, so appointed may be removed from that office prior to the expiration of his term provided, however, that any such removal is not for arbitrary or capricious reasons."; and

by striking out lines 1222 to 1235; and

in line 1456, by striking out the words "section 120" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "section 119"; and

by striking out, in line 1720, the words "SECTION 127" and inserting in place thereof the following words:-

"SECTION 127A"; and

by inserting the following section:- "SECTION 132. Sections 55A, 57, 120, 124B, 130 and 131 of this act shall be effective upon the appointment of a court administrator under section 12 of chapter 211B."; and

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"SECTION 133. Sections 55, 119 and 124A of this act shall be repealed upon the appointment of a court administrator under section 12 of chapter 211B."; and by striking out section 136 and inserting in place thereof the following section: "SECTION 136. Section 56 of this act shall expire on July 1, 2012."; and by striking out section 137 and inserting in place thereof the following section: "SECTION 137. Sections 2 to 7, inclusive, 10 to 54, inclusive, 57 to 117, inclusive, 122, 123, 124, 125 and 127A shall take effect on July 1, 2012."; and by striking out section 138 and inserting in place thereof the following section: "SECTION 138. Except as otherwise provided in this act, this act shall be effective as of July 1, 2011."

Cynthia Stone Creem	Eugene O'Flaherty
Brian A. Joyce	Brian Dempsey
Bruce E. Tarr	Daniel A. Winslow

After remarks, the report was further considered and accepted, in concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill relative to the reorganization of the judicial system of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 3644) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Tolman) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

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.

On motion of the same Senator, at one minute before one o'clock P.M., the

Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.