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## UNCORRECTED PROOF OF THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.



### JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

*Thursday, December 28, 2006.*

Met at one minute 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.

#### *Distinguished Guest.*

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Tolman) handed the gavel to Mr. Hedlund for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Hedlund welcomed Mike Moriarty, a boyscout from Troop 19 in Weymouth who was in the State House to work on a merit badge.

#### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Timilty, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill pertaining to off-duty work details or special details performed by public employees in the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 2771) [Local approval received] (Senator Timilty dissenting); and

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Public Service, on the recommitted petition, a Bill regulating certain insurance benefits for elected officials of the town of Easton (Senate, No. 2713) [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.

#### Bills

Relative to enhanced protection for victims of domestic violence (printed in House, No. 30, amended,— being a message from His Excellency the Governor);

Designating the new Department of Youth Services facility in Westboro as the Zara Cisco Brough—"Little White Flower" Facility (House, No. 5138,— on petition);

Authorizing the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land in the town of Milford (House, No. 5174, amended,— on House, No. 5065);

Relative to home service contracts (House, No. 5344,— on House, No. 5034);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Maureen Bambery, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 5370,— on petition);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Michael F. Leavitt, an employee of the Department of Mental Retardation (House, No. 5375,— on petition); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Annette V. Fielding, an employee of the Department of Social Services (House, No. 5379,— on petition);

**Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

*Resolutions.*

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were severally considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:— Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hedlund) “on the retirement of 1st Sergeant Heikki W. Pakkala”; and Resolutions (filed by Mr. Joyce) “congratulating Richard Gene Bailey of Stoughton Boy Scout Troop 88 on earning the Eagle Scout Award.”

*Reports of a Committee.*

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill amending the conveyance of a certain parcel of land in the town of Grafton (Senate, No. 2726, changed),— ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2779).

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Moore, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The bill (Senate, No. 2779) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Resolve in favor of Burton W. Gerrig, Esquire (House, No. 4048),— **ought to pass.**

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Havern, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robert O’Haver, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 5355),— **ought to pass.**

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Hedlund, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for William Lewis, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 5360),— ought to pass.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Murray, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.**

A Bill relative to the acceptance of Chapter 40N of the General Laws in the town of Marblehead (House, No. 5147,— on petition),— **was read.**

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Havern, and the bill 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 providing for acceptance of Chapter 40N of the General Laws in the town of Marblehead”.**

A Bill relative to the salaries of the members of the Boston licensing board (House, No. 5337,— on petition) [Local approval received],— **was read.**

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O’Leary, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

*Engrossed Bills.*

An engrossed Bill designating the annual observance of Massachusetts History Day and establishing a special commission on civic engagement and learning (see House, No. 3465, amended) (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 re-enacted and was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Tolman) and again laid before the Governor for his approbation.

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

Designating the Broadway Bridge in the South Boston section of the city of Boston as the James M. Kelly Bridge (see Senate, No. 2761);

Further revising the membership of the Public Health Council (see Senate, No. 2770); and

Relative to certain retirement benefits for surviving spouses of the State Police (see House, No. 4941).

*Emergency Preamble Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill further regulating driver education and junior operator's licenses (see House, No. 5378), 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 5 to 0.**  
**The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Tolman) and sent to the House for enactment.**

*Engrossed Bills.*

The following engrossed bills (the first six 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. Tolman) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:  
Relative to medical peer review committees (see Senate, No. 2418, amended);  
Authorizing recall elections in the town of Upton (see Senate, No. 2613);  
Relative to the sewerage facilities and betterments in the town of Millbury (see Senate, No. 2735);  
Relative to the authority of the town of Auburn to convey a certain parcel of land (see Senate, No. 2738);  
Exempting the position of Chief of Police in the town Shrewsbury from the civil service law (see Senate, No. 2749);  
Authorizing the state retirement board to grant an accidental disability retirement to James R. Johnson (see Senate, No. 2767);  
Establishing a Massachusetts work-family council (see House, No. 4216, amended);  
Authorizing the town of Shrewsbury to send certain information to the voters of the town (see House, No. 5013, amended); and  
Establishing the Marlborough 2010 Corporation (see House, No. 5369).

The House Bill relative to penalties for animal fighting (House, No. 1765, amended),— **came from the House with the endorsement that the House had NON-concurred in the Senate amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2772.**  
**On motion of Mr. Hedlund, the Senate insisted on its amendment.**  
**The bill was returned to the House endorsed accordingly.**

*Petition.*

On motion of Ms. Wilkerson, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule were suspended on the petition, presented by Ms. Wilkerson, (accompanied by bill) of Dianne Wilkerson for legislation relative to the Hynes Convention Center and the Boston Common Parking Garage,— **and the same was referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.**  
**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

*Order Adopted.*

Mr. Buoniconti offered the following order, to wit:

*Ordered,* That the rules of the Senate be amended as follows:—

Striking out Senate Rule 17 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

Bills, resolves, resolutions and orders shall be prepared under supervision of the "Bill Drafting Division". Bills, resolves, resolutions and orders founded upon petition shall be presented in an electronic format as prescribed by the Clerk, who shall then prepare such electronically filed documents for printing on official paper. Any petition which presents a bill, resolve, resolution or order that was before the General Court in the legislative session preceding that for which it is presented shall be designated as a "refiled petition" by the presenting member, together with reference to the number assigned such matter in the preceding legislative session. Bills amending existing laws shall not provide for striking words from, or inserting words in, such laws, unless such course is the best calculated to show clearly the subject and nature of the amendment. No repealed law and no law which has expired by limitation, and no part of any such law, shall be re-enacted by reference merely.

**Under the rules, referred to the committee on Ethics and Rules.**

**Subsequently, Mr. Buoniconti, for the said committee, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted.**

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Moore, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.**

*Recess.*

There being no objection, at seven minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Chair (Mr. Tolman) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at twenty-eight minutes before three o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Tolman in the Chair.

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

There being no objection, the following matter was taken Out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The House Bill relative to the issuance of certain alcoholic beverage licenses (Douse, No. 3340, changed),— **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

**PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.**

A Bill directing the State Retirement Board to retire James J. Cahill, a firefighter of the city of Boston (House, No. 5366,— on House, No. 4420,— on petition) [Local approval received on House, No. 4420],— **was read.**  
**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Pacheco, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

*Report of a Committee.*

Mr. Buoniconti, for the committee on Ethics and Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House Bill relative to group marketing plans (House, No. 4974).

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Fargo, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

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

There being no objection, the following matter was taken Out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The House Bill exempting the position of deputy police chief in the town of Hingham from the civil service laws (House, No. 5036),— **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.**

*Emergency Preambles Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for William Lewis, an employee of the Trial Court (see House, No. 5360), 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 6 to 0.**  
**The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Tolman) and sent to the House for enactment.**

An engrossed Bill making corrective changes in certain General and special laws (see Senate Bill, printed in Senate, No. 2775), 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 5 to 0.**  
**The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Tolman) and sent to the House for enactment.**

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robert O'Haver, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 5355), 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 4 to 0.**  
**The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Tolman) and sent to the House for enactment.**

*Engrossed Bills.*

The following engrossed bills (the first four 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. Tolman) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Increasing consumer access to licensed marriage and family therapists (see Senate, No. 136);

Prohibiting certain dumping in the city of Brockton (see Senate, No. 2606);

Authorizing the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant a certain easement in the town of Belchertown (see Senate, No. 2727);

Relative to the charter of the city of Northampton (see Senate, No. 2739, amended);

Relative to vehicle protection products (see House, No. 3062, amended);

Authorizing the town of Wellesley to seek voter approval to assess taxes for the purpose of funding the town's group insurance liability fund (see House, No. 4872, amended);

Relative to the acceptance of Chapter 40N of the General Laws in the town of Marblehead (see House, No. 5147);

Clarifying the retirement status of a disabled Norwood police officer (see House, No. 5327); and

Further regulating driver education and junior operator's licenses (see House, No. 5378).

*Engrossed Resolve.*

An engrossed Resolve in favor of Burton W. Gerrig, Esquire (see House, No. 4048) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed and was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Tolman) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

*Reports of a Committee.*

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land in the town of Milford (House, No. 5174),— **ought to pass. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Moore, and the bill 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 authorizing the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land in the town of Milford”.**

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Meridyth L. Reith, an employee of the State Fire Marshal (House, No. 5361),— **ought to pass. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Hedlund, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed; in concurrence.**

*Recess.*

There being no objection, at fourteen minutes before three o'clock P.M., the Chair (Mr. Tolman) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at four minutes before six o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Tolman in the Chair.

#### **PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.**

##### *Emergency Preambles Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill relative to group marketing plans (see House, No. 4974), 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 5 to 0.**

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

An engrossed Bill authorizing the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land in the town of Milford (see House, No. 5174, 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.**

An engrossed Hill establishing a sick leave bank for Meridyth L. Reith, an employee of the state fire marshal (see House, No. 5361), 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.**

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

Making corrective changes in certain General and special laws (see Senate Bill, printed in Senate, No. 2775);

Relative to penalties for animal fighting (see House, No. 1765, amended);

Relating to the Reggie Lewis Track at Roxbury Community College (see House, No. 4366, amended);

Exempting the position of deputy police chief in the town of Hingham from the civil service laws (see House, No. 5036);

Relative to the salaries of the members of the Boston licensing board (see House, No. 5337);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Robert O'Haver, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 5355);

Establishing a sick leave bank for William Lewis, an employee of the Trial Court (see House, No. 5360); and

Directing the State-Boston Retirement Board to retire James J. Cahill, a firefighter of the city of Boston (see House, No. 5366).

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

There being no objection, the following matter was taken Out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The House Bill relative to health benefits for elected officials in the town of North Andover (House, No. 4864),— **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 limiting health insurance benefits for elected officials in the town of North Andover”.**

#### **PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.**

A Bill relative to the town of Florida (House, No. 5364,— on petition) [Local approval received]— **was read.**  
**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Hedlund, and the bill 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 authorizing the town of Florida to exempt certain property from taxation”.**

A Bill authorizing the city of New Bedford to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5340,— on petition) [Local approval received],— **was read.**  
**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Moore, and the bill 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 authorizing the city of New Bedford to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises”.**

A Bill authorizing the town of Montague to exempt the Brick House Community Resource Center Inc. from the payment of certain taxes (House, No. 5285,— on petition) [Local approval received],— **was read.**  
**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Moore, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

A Bill authorizing creditable service for Richard Spicer (House, No. 5380,— on House, No. 5359) [Local approval received on House, No. 5359],— **was read.**  
**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Moore, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

*Reports of a Committee.*

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michael Rafferty, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 5362) ought to pass, with an amendment by inserting at the end of section 1 the following sentence:— “Whenever Michael Rafferty terminates employment with the department or requests to dissolve the sick leave bank, the balance shall be transferred to the extended illness leave bank.”  
**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Moore, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.**  
**The bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.**  
**Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.**

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michael F. Leavitt, an employee of the Department of Mental Retardation (House, No. 5375),— **ought to pass.**  
**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Hedlund, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Maureen Bambery, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 5370),— **ought to pass.**  
**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Hedlund, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Annette V. Fielding, an employee of the Department of Social Services (House, No. 5379),— **ought to pass.**  
**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Moore, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

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

There being no objection, the following matter was taken Out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:  
The House Bill authorizing the city of New Bedford to regulate motorized bicycles and motorized scooters (House, No. 4354),— **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

**PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.**

The Senate Bill relative to MBTA fare evasion (Senate, No. 2756),— **came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of House document numbered 4503.**  
**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Moore, and the House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.**

*Recess.*

There being no objection, at a quarter past six o'clock P.M., the Chair (Mr. Tolman) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at eighteen minutes before eight o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Pacheco in the Chair (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

*Suspension of Senate Rule 38A.*

Mr. Creedon moved that Senate Rule 38A, be suspended to allow the Senate to stay in session beyond the hour of eight o'clock P.M.; and that the requirement of a call of the yeas and nays for suspension of said rule shall be suspended thereto. There being no objection, the motion was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.**

*Emergency Preamble Adopted; Engrossed Bill Enacted.*

An engrossed Bill relative to fare evasion on the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (see Senate, No. 2756, 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. Pacheco) 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. Pacheco) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

*Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill relative to group marketing plans (see House, No. 4974) (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 was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Pacheco) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

*Committee Changes.*

The Chair (Mr. Pacheco) announced the resignation of Senator Tarr of Essex and Middlesex as a member of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and the appointment of Senator Brown of Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex to fill the vacancy.

**Subsequently, the Chair (Mr. Pacheco) announced the resignation of Senator Brown of Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex as a member of said committee and the reappointment of Senator Tarr of Essex and Middlesex thereto.**

*Reports of Committees.*

By Ms. Murray, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill relative to enhanced protection for victims of domestic violence (printed in House, No. 30, amended),— **ought to pass.**

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Morrissey, and the bill 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 Reading to read as follows: "An Act further protecting victims of domestic violence."**

Mr. Buoniconti for the committee on Ethics and Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House Bill relative to horse and greyhound racing in the Commonwealth (House, No. 5291) (the committee on Ways and Means having recommended that the bill be amended striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2769; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to extend the law authorizing simulcasting of horse and dog racing, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.")

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

**The pending amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means was considered; and it was rejected.**

Mr. Morrissey moved to amend the bill striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2780; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to further regulate horse and dog racing, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."

**The amendment was adopted.**

**The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence,**

**with the amendment.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.**

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Brown,—

*Ordered,* That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Tuesday 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 a quarter before ten o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M.