SENATE No. 1821

[Senate, January 17, 1983 — Offered by Senator John F. Parker].

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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1 Ordered, That the Rules of the Senate be amended by add-2 ing after rule 13 the following: —

3 Rule 13A. The committees on Rules and on Ways and Means 4 shall meet at least once a month on the first Monday of each 5 month while the General Court is in session. No bill shall be 6 reported but by said committee unless it shall have been con-7 sidered and voted upon at a meeting of such committee at 8 which a quorum shall have been present, including at least 9 one member of the minority party. No committee shall re-10 port asking to be discharged and recommending that a matter 11 be referred to either the committee on Rules or the committee 12 on Ways and Means unless such standing committee shall first 13 have voted in favor of the matter. Matters referred to said 14 committees after the fourth Wednesday of April shall after 15 one month be reported either favorably or unfavorably on in 16 a study upon request of any senator and if no such action is 17 forthcoming the clerk shall at the request of any senator 18 place the matter upon the calendar with an unfavorable re-19 port. This rule shall not be suspended except with a four-20 fifths vote of those present and voting.