

Monday, January 5, 1998.

Met at six minutes past eleven o'clock A.M.

*Message from the Lieutenant-Governor,  
Acting Governor.*

A message from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor, submitting a report of the exercise of the pardoning power by former Governor William F. Weld, with the advice and consent of the council during the year nineteen hundred and ninety-six (Senate, No. 2071),— **was read and sent to the House for its information.**

*Appointments.*

Notice was received from the President announcing his nominations (pursuant to section 23 of Chapter 152 of the Acts of 1997) to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority; and

Notice was also received from the President announcing his appointments to the Assembly on Federal Issues Committees established by the National Conference of State Legislatures.

*Committee Discharged.*

Mr. Keating, for the committee on the Judiciary, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on the Judiciary to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents (Senate, No. 2047),— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the Senate committee on Rules.

**Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.**

## PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

*Bills*

Authorizing the board of license commissioners to change the opening time for package stores in the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4330,— on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Providing for recall elections in the town of Warren (House, No. 4556,— on petition) [Local approval received];

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

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5202) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr., and Robert A. Antonioni (by vote of the town) that the town of Sterling be authorized to provide a group insurance

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program to certain elected officials of said town,— **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

*Committee Changes.*

The President announced the resignation of Senator Jacques of Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex as a member of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and the appointment of Senator Fargo of Fifth Middlesex to fill the vacancy.

Committee on Bills in the Third Reading,— changes.

*Distinguished Guests.*

There being no objection, the President introduced the Everett High School Football Team, the MIAA Division I Eastern Massachusetts Division I Super Bowl Champions. The team was accompanied by their coach, John DiBiaso, the school's cheerleaders and their coach, Maureen DiBiaso, and the Superintendent of Schools, Frederick Forestiere. The team's captains, coaches and the Superintendent of Schools all signed the guest book and withdrew from the Chamber. They were the guests of Senate President Birmingham.

Everett High School Football Team.

*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 certain lands in the Commonwealth (House, No. 5177),— **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Commonwealth,— lands.

*Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Moore) "congratulating Michael A. Divirgilio of Boy Scout Troop 155 in Northbridge upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout", were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Michael A. Divirgilio.

**Subsequently, Mr. Birmingham, for the said committee, reported, recommending that the resolutions ought to be adopted; and they were considered forthwith, under a suspension of the rules, moved by Mr. Moore, and adopted.**

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 President and laid before the Acting Governor for his approbation, to wit;

Designating Clara Barton days (see Senate, No. 1409, amended); and

Relative to the composition of the school committee of the city of Chicopee (see House, No. 5158, amended).

Bills laid before Acting Governor.

*Committee Changes.*

The President announced the resignation of Senator Fargo of Fifth Middlesex as a member of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and the reappointment of Senator Jacques of Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex to said committee.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Bernstein,—

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

At twelve minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Amorello, the Senate adjourned to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

[Under the provisions of Article X of the Amendments to the Constitution, the 1997 session of the General Court was dissolved on the day next preceding the first Wednesday of January, without any proclamation or other action of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor.]

Attest:

EDWARD B. O'NEILL,  
*Clerk of the Senate.*

[P.S. During the session 235 Acts received Executive Approval; and 5 Acts became law without approval, 2 of which were passed, notwithstanding the objections of the Executive.]

Committee  
on Bills in  
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Title of  
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