

## **JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**

Thursday, January 17, 2002.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Greene of Billerica in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Gracious God, the birthday observance of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King on Monday reminds us of the unity and sanctity of the human family, Your family, which You have created and placed on this earth. By his commitment to racial economic, social and religious rights, Dr. King has left us, as his legacy, lofty ideals, high societal goals and practical programs to implement in our daily living. Teach us to recognize both the human and spiritual dignity of all whom we encounter. May we be inspired and motivated by the religious spirit and dedication and the biblical teachings on the dignity of each human person by Dr. King.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Greene), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### *Appointments to a Special Legislative Task Force.*

The Speaker announced the appointment of Representatives Greene of Billerica, Rodrigues of Westport and deMacedo of Plymouth to serve on the Special Legislative Task Force established (under the provisions of Section 2 of Chapter 204 of the Acts of 2001) to make an investigation and study of the unemployment insurance system of the Commonwealth.

### *Resolutions.*

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Peterson of Grafton) congratulating the Northbridge High School "Rams" varsity football team on winning the 2001 Central/Western Massachusetts Division II Super Bowl Championship;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Kujawski of Webster, Frost of Auburn, Carron of Southbridge and Bunker of Rutland) congratulating the Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School "Minutemen" varsity football team on winning the 2001 Western/Central Massachusetts Division 3A Championship;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Parente of Milford) congratulating the Bellingham High School "Blackhawks" varsity football team on winning the 2001 Eastern Massachusetts Division V Super Bowl Championship;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating Pauline Kirby on the occasion of her retirement from the Plainville Council on Aging; and

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Smizik of Brookline, Balsler of Newton, Demakis of Boston, Donnelly of Boston, and Golden of Boston) congratulating the Brookline Human Relations-Youth Resources Commission on its 14th Annual Martin Luther King Celebration;

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Pedone of Worcester, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Petitions.*

Mr. O'Brien of Kingston presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4865) of Thomas J. O'Brien, Viriato Manuel deMacedo and Therese Murray (by vote of the town) that the town of Plymouth be authorized to use certain land for public way purposes; and the same was referred to the committee on Local Affairs. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mrs. Creedon of Brockton (by request), petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert M. Taylor relative to the training of drivers and equipping of vehicles used to transport certain persons.

By Mrs. Gomes of Harwich, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Shirley Gomes and Robert A. O'Leary (by vote of the town) relative to the appropriation of state aid for public schools in the town of Orleans.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

*Paper from the Senate.*

The House Bill authorizing the town of Natick to grant certain licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3923) came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

"SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 11 of chapter 138 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the town of Natick may grant to restaurants with seating capacities of not less than 50 persons licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises; provided, however, that not more than 7 such licenses shall be in effect

at any 1 time for restaurants with seating capacities of not less than 50 but not more than 99 persons. The licenses shall be subject to all of said chapter 138, except said section 11.”.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Linsky of Natick, the amendment (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Thomas J. O'Brien, Michael E. Festa, Gale D. Candaras, Susan W. Pope and Rachel Kaprielian relative to the licensing of second hand motor vehicle dealers. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Casey of Winchester, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Safety. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Larkin of Pittsfield, for the committee on Education, Arts and Humanities, recommending that the report of the Department of Education (under the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 70B of the General Laws) submitting a copy of interim regulations for the school building assistance program (House, No. 4024) be placed on file.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mrs. Simmons of Leominster, for the committee on Local Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4846) of Paul Kujawski (by vote of the town) that the town of Douglas be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on State Administration. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mrs. Simmons of Leominster, for the committee on Local Affairs, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Salem to grant easements in certain park land (House, No. 4842) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Connolly of Everett, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Miss Garry of Dracut, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the following bills ought to pass:

Relative to insurance coverage for blood-glucose monitoring strips for home use (House, No. 1207); and

Providing medical coverage for the prostatic specific antigen blood test (House, No. 1414);

Severally referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the following bills ought to pass:

The Senate Bill relative to motor homes (Senate, No. 2178); and

The House Bill relative to dangerous dogs (House, No. 1168);

Severally referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Mrs. Simmons of Leominster, for the committee on Local Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to John Robinson and Anne Robinson as residents of the town of Chelmsford for school purposes (House, No. 4761).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the city of Chelsea (House, No. 4820) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 2205 and House, No. 4828, a Bill authorizing the town of Brewster to establish a capital investment fund (House, No. 4828) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of North Andover to grant a certain conservation restriction (House, No. 4830, changed in line 6 by striking out the word "Center" and inserting in place thereof the word "Carter") [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Waltham to continue the use of certain park land for water purposes (House, No. 4833) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for a betterment program for private road improvements in the city of Gloucester (House, No. 4835) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding the water and sewer commission of the town of Mattapoisett (House, No. 4843).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

The House Bill relative to jury exemptions for parents of children under the age of two years (House, No. 3567, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be

correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Finneran of Boston,—

*Ordered,* That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.