

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, January 28, 2002.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mrs. Parente of Milford 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:

Holy Spirit of God, we depend upon You and Your guidance as we address legislative and personal matters on this first day of a new workweek. Inspire us to offer to You and to the people who depend upon our good judgments in governmental policies our best efforts and sincere intentions. We pray for an increase of faith and a deepening of trust in You, in each other and in our basic institutions as we struggle with the demands and expectations (sometimes unrealistic) of the people whom we serve. May we continue to be patient listeners and considerate leaders who are planning a secure, peaceful and prosperous future for the people in our communities.

Bestow Your blessings on the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mrs. Parente), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable) congratulating Evelyn Coleman on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Donato of Medford and Marzilli of Arlington) congratulating Lawrence Andrew Litchfield, III on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Donato of Medford and Ciampa of Somerville) congratulating Ryan Matthew Waters on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) congratulating David Joubert on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. O'Brien of Kingston and Marini of Hanson) congratulating Michael Knapp on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

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. Donato, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Paper from the Senate.

Notice was received that the President of the Senate had announced that Senator Shannon of the Second Middlesex District had been appointed to the first position on the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Clancy of the First Essex District; that Senator Resor of the Middlesex and Worcester District had resigned from the Senate committee on Ethics and that Senator Baddour of the Third Essex District had been appointed to the first position on said committee to fill the existing vacancy; that Senator Shannon had resigned from the Senate committee on Ways and Means and that Senator Joyce of the Suffolk and Norfolk District had been appointed to the third position on said committee to fill the existing vacancy; and that Senator Joyce had resigned from the committee on Public Service and that Senator Chandler of the First Worcester District had been appointed to the first position on said committee to fill the existing vacancy.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of John P. Fresolo and Guy W. Glodis relative to the retirement allowance of Anthony Tomasiello, a retired justice of the Nantucket District Court. To the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of David M. Torrissi and Susan C. Tucker that the Department of Revenue be directed to refund certain overpayments of income taxes to Emilio J. and Gloria A. Nardoza. To the committee on Taxation.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Rogers of Norwood, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to certain school construction projects in the towns of Milton and Winchester and the cities of Brockton, Revere and Waltham (Senate, No. 2228) ought to pass. 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; and, under said rule, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following matters be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Further regulating the minimum size of American lobsters (Senate, No. 1847);

Relative to the declaration of non-cash dividends by trust companies (Senate, No. 1873);

Further regulating the use of crossbows in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2162); and

Relative to motor homes (Senate, No. 2178); and

House bills

Relative to the appointment of retired police officers in the town of Stoneham (House, No. 4168, changed) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to the charter of the city of Chelsea (House, No. 4820) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Brewster to establish a capital investment fund (House, No. 4828) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of North Andover to grant a certain conservation restriction (House, No. 4830, changed) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the city of Waltham to continue the use of certain park land for water purposes (House, No. 4833) [Local Approval Received]; and

Providing for a betterment program for private road improvements in the city of Gloucester (House, No. 4835) [Local Approval Received];

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Engrossed Bills.

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Designating natural heritage functions of the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement (see Senate, No. 1112, amended) (which originated in the Senate);

Relative to the Massachusetts Medal of Merit (see House, No. 161);

Relative to clinical reports in certain actions for the appointment of guardians and conservators (see House, No. 3367); and

Authorizing the town of Maynard to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4200);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill relative to a special fund in the town of Plymouth (Senate, No. 1030), 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, in concurrence.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Uxbridge to establish a capital improvement fund (House, No. 4294);

Relative to veteran registration plates for motorcycles (House, No. 4334);

Validating the actions taken at certain town meetings held in the town of Oak Bluffs (printed in House, No. 4383); and

Exempting the position of deputy chief of police in the town of Webster from the civil service law (House, No. 4758);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally 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 Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Paulsen of Belmont (Mrs. Parente of Milford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.