

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, February 5, 2001.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Nagle of Northampton 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:

Eternal God, whose compassion and mercy are infinite, we stand in Your presence and ask for Your guidance as we begin a new workweek. In a spirit of humility, we pray for Your gifts of knowledge and wisdom which enable us to comprehend and address competently the political, social and ethical issues which come before us. Grant us the patience and the good sense to pause for some time each day and to focus our thoughts on the major material human and spiritual challenges of these changing times. Teach us to be good listeners and to be open to the sound and reasonable suggestions and insights of others. May we continue to remain firm in our commitment to truth and to traditional values and principles.

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

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

Messages from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to the terms of certain bonds and notes issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 3899) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, February 1.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Long-Term Debt and Capital Expenditures.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to allowing the Commonwealth to appeal criminal sentences (House, No. 3900) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, February 2.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Criminal Justice. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Marini of Hanson, Jones of North Reading, Peterson of Grafton and Rogeness of Longmeadow) congratulating President Ronald Wilson Reagan on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Polito of Shrewsbury, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

An Order (filed this day by Mr. Finneran of Boston) relative to reviving and continuing the joint special committee established (under House Order, No. 4220 of 1999) to make an investigation and study of a new division of the Commonwealth into Congressional districts in conformity with law; forty Senatorial districts and eight Executive Councillor districts; and one hundred and sixty Representative districts (House, No. 3901) was referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committees on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Rogers of Norwood, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Hahn of Westfield, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions (deposited with the Clerk previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, December 6, 2000) were transmitted to the State Secretary under Chapter 3 of the General Laws, as follows:

By Ms. Candaras of Wilbraham, petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Gale D. Candaras and Emile J. Goguen relative to the Massachusetts Wholesale Electric Company;

By Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth, petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Viriato Manuel deMacedo, Thomas J. O'Brien and Therese Murray (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Plymouth to maintain the Vine Hills Cemetery with all the powers of a crematory corporation;

By Mr. Fagan of Taunton, petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of James H. Fagan, Joseph C. Sullivan and Bradley H. Jones, Jr., relative to municipal membership in the Massachusetts Wholesale Electric Company; and

By Mrs. Paulsen of Belmont, petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Anne M. Paulsen, Kay Khan and Steven A. Tolman for legislation to establish the mass rail corporation within the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Verga of Gloucester,—

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

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