

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 7, 2002.

Met at eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Bosley of North Adams 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:

Almighty God, we believe that You have created each one of us in Your image and thus all of us are members of the one human family, Your family, with an eternal destiny. Help us to recognize and acknowledge You, as Our Creator, by following Your ways and living up to Your expectations in our daily living. Under Your guidance and united in hope and trust, inspire all of us to do our part in building a just, safe and compassionate society. Forgive our failures to measure up to the high standards that we expect of others and our failure to see the good and goodwill in those with whom we disagree on issues and principles.

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

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Bosley), the members, guests and employees joined with him 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 Representatives Hillman of Sturbridge and Spilka of Ashland) congratulating Lieutenant Colonel John A. Cunningham on the occasion of his retirement from the Massachusetts State Police;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Naughton of Clinton) congratulating the Clinton High School Gaels on winning the Division III Super Bowl Football Championship;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Patrick of Falmouth and other members of the House) acknowledging the contributions of the Mashpee Wampanoag People to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Timilty of Milton) congratulating John A. Smyth on the occasion of his retirement from the Milton Police Department;

Mr. Honan 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 Mrs. Cleven of Chelmsford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Department of Education (under the provisions of Section 432 of Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000) submitting a report on activities related to special education in the Commonwealth;

From the Division of Energy Resources (under the provisions of Section 12 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws and Section 319 of Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997) submitting proposed renewable energy portfolio standards; and

From the Secretary of the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (under the provisions of item 6000-0100 of Chapter 177 of the Acts of 2001) submitting a report describing the plan to address the backlog of bicycle and pedestrian projects;

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

Annual report of the Division of Insurance (under the provisions of Section 17 of Chapter 21E of the General Laws) on the availability of insurance for response action contractors involved in actions pertaining to the release or threatened release of oil or hazardous material, was placed on file.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill relative to the pronouncement of death by a nurse practitioner (House, No. 1758, changed) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill clarifying the definition of physician (Senate, No. 2142), 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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Finneran of Boston,—

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

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Balser of Newton (Mr. Bosley of North Adams being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

