

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 8, 2001.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Connolly of Everett 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, we depend upon You and Your assistance in our struggle to respond faithfully to our many daily responsibilities. In Your kindness, help us to remain committed to seeking and speaking truth, to high ideals and sound principles, and to excellence in all areas of our daily work. As we carry out our constitutional obligations of serving people, our communities and the common good, inspire us to be thoughtful and creative in addressing today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities. Be with us as we try to motivate people to accept responsibility of personal choices and to accept the responsibilities of good citizenship. In building a civil and responsive society, may we work together in proclaiming the necessity of implementing basic human and spiritual values.

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

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Connolly), 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 development and preservation of affordable housing (House, No. 3902) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, February 6.

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

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to establishing a housing supply incentive program in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3903) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, February 6.

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

concurrence.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to creating a pilot expansion of the Economic Development Incentive Program to include affordable housing development projects (House, No. 3904) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, February 6.

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

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to facilitating the development of underutilized facilities and properties for housing in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3905) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, February 6.

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

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to rent withholding (House, No. 3906) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, February 6.

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

Appointments to a Joint Special Committee.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Representatives Petrolati of Ludlow, Swan of Springfield, Scaccia of Boston, Correia of Fall River, Walrath of Stow, Owens-Hicks of Boston, Ciampa of Somerville, Harkins of Needham, Koczera of New Bedford, Larkin of Pittsfield, Broadhurst of Methuen, Flavin of Easthampton, Kulik of Worthington, Sullivan of Braintree, Lewis of Dedham, Atkins of Concord, Fresolo of Worcester, Jones of North Reading, Peterson of Grafton, Pope of Wayland and deMacedo of Plymouth to serve on the joint special committee established (under the provisions of House order No. 4220 of 1999 and revived and continued by House order No. 3901 of 2001) 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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Donato of Medford) congratulating Peter Andrew Brash on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Hahn of Westfield) congratulating Abilities Unlimited on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Koutoujian of Newton) recognizing the observance of National Heart Failure Awareness Week;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kujawski of Webster) honoring Pam Barton Mulcahy on her induction into the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Athletic Hall of Fame;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. LeDuc of Marlborough) congratulating Police Chief Joseph Barry on the occasion of his retirement from the Marlborough Police Department;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. O'Brien of Kingston and Straus of Mattapoisett) congratulating the Middleboro Mitchell Memorial Club Cougars on winning the Super Bowl;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vallee of Franklin) congratulating Mr. and Mrs. James Kelleher on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary; and

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Walrath of Stow) congratulating Kay Desmond on the occasion of her retirement;

Mr. Nagle of Northampton, 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. Greene of Billerica, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

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 Mr. Greene of Billerica (Mr. Connolly of Everett being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.