

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, March 12, 2002.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Walsh of Boston 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, we depend upon You, Your guidance and spiritual assistance each day as we struggle to address both our legislative and personal responsibilities. Inspire us to utilize prudently the opportunities which come to us on a daily basis for mature and sound judgements. In these uncertain and troublesome times, inspire us to offer thoughtful suggestions and proposals which meet the needs and expectations of the electorate and the times. Above all, help us to remain faithful to You, Our Creator, and to the religious beliefs, values and practices of our religious faith and traditions.

We remember in our prayers the soul of Michael Smith, a House employee, who died recently. In Your goodness and kindness, grant him eternal rest, peace and joy.

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

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

Petitions.

Mrs. Parente of Milford presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4950) of Marie J. Parente and Richard T. Moore (by vote of the town) that the town of Mendon be authorized to offer health insurance to certain elected officials and employees; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Patrick of Falmouth presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Matthew C. Patrick relative to consumers who received default service resulting from the restructuring of the electric utility industry; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Rogers of Norwood, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the Commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land in the town of Westborough (House, No. 4844) ought to pass.

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

By Mr. Rogers of Norwood, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the

Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain easements to the city of Gardner (House, No. 4821) 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

Designating a walking path at Squantum Point Park as the Janet Niles Murphy Walkway (Senate, No. 627);

Providing for a charter for the town of Sandwich (Senate, No. 2192, changed) [Local Approval Received]; and

Relative to credit union real estate loans (Senate, No. 2214); and

House bills

Relative to cities and towns borrowing outside their debt limit (House, No. 1371);

Relative to advertising or sale of insurance on the Internet (House, No. 3121);

Requiring audible warning devices for certain motor vehicles (House, No. 3780, changed);

Relative to the establishment of a special police force in the town of Agawam (House, No. 4190) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing Quincy College to adopt a six year tenure system (House, No. 4695) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to the withdrawal of candidates nominated for elective office in the city of Malden (House, No. 4879) [Local Approval Received];

Providing for the recall of elected officials in the city of Salem (House, No. 4880, changed) [Local Approval Received];

Validating certain actions and authorizing certain reimbursements by the town of Oak Bluffs (printed in House, No. 4906); and

Authorizing the certification and appointment of Kelly L. Reynolds as a police officer in the town of Wilmington (House, No. 4920) [Local Approval received];

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

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to the appointment of retired police officers in the town of Stoneham (House, No. 4168, changed) was read a second time; and it was ordered to a third reading.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Jehlen of Somerville (Mr. Walsh of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.