

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, March 14, 2001.

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

Eternal God, the Creator of All People and the Lord of All Nations, we pause to thank You for the blessings which You bestow upon us daily. In Your goodness, teach us to respect and appreciate the world and the materials and human resources which You have handed over to us to use prudently for our benefit. This weekend, we celebrate a civil holiday, Evacuation Day, a famous day in the history of our country and our city. We also celebrate Saint Patrick's Day, a feast observed around the world. Saint Patrick is remembered for many prayers and sayings. His famous prayer is as relevant today as it was when he spoke it long ago: "may the wisdom of God teach you, the eye of God watch over you, the ear of God hear you and the hand of God protect you."

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

At the request of the Chair (Mr. DiMasi), 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 Mr. Brown of Wrentham) in recognition of William Maloney on being named the 2001 Friends of St. Patrick Person of the Year;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Connolly of Everett) congratulating John Balliro on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston) in recognition of the nomination of District Deputy Robert C. Kearney for the Office of Delegate to the Supreme Convention;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater) honoring John L. Revil III for four decades of service to organized labor and his community;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Marzilli of Arlington) congratulating David Hurley on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Nyman of Hanover) congratulating Louise Maybelle McCarthy on the occasion of her eightieth birthday; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vallee of Franklin) congratulating Mary K. Kowalczyk on the occasion of her retirement;

Mrs. Harkins of Needham, 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. Ruane of Salem, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4034) of Thomas R. Hoover (city manager), Raymond V. Mariano (mayor), John J. Binienda and Guy W. Glodis that the city of Worcester be authorized to grant creditable service to Leonard Gabrila, a former traffic engineer of said city. To the committee on Public Service.

By Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4035) of Rachel Kaprielian (by vote of the town council) relative to the assessment of property taxes in the city known as the town of Watertown. To the committee on Taxation.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Demetrius J. Atsalis that employees of the Department of Social Services be required to wear photo identification.

By Mr. Barrios of Cambridge (by request), petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Leevonn Cloud for adoption of resolutions by the General Court requesting the Governor (with the consent of the Council) to remove Linda E. Giles from the office of Justice of the Superior Court.

By Mr. Broadhurst of Methuen, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Arthur J. Broadhurst and James P. Jajuga that the Department of Public Health be authorized to enforce the immunization of public school students.

By Mr. George of Yarmouth, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas N. George and other members of the General Court for legislation to authorize the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to issue distinctive motor vehicle plates to the Massachusetts Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

By Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rachel Kaprielian and Steven A. Tolman relative to extending maternity benefits to retired teachers.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rachel Kaprielian and Steven A. Tolman relative to providing partial adjustment to retired teachers' pensions.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Andover to convey land to the Andover Village Improvement Society for a pedestrian easement (Senate, No. 1045) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Andover to convey land to the Andover Village Improvement Society (Senate, No. 1046) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Relative to certain town ways in the town of Tewksbury (Senate, No. 1048) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A report of the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (under the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its twenty-fourth annual report (Senate, No. 1825), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Taxation.

A report of the Bureau of Special Investigations (under the provisions of Section 11(8) of Chapter 14 of the General Laws) of its activities for the month of January, 2001, was read for the information of the House; and returned to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Verga of Gloucester, for the committee on Local Affairs, on House, No. 488, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Local Affairs to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning the review of rules and regulations adopted by the transportation board of the town of Brookline (House, No. 4036) [Representative Balser of Newton dissenting.] Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of said order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. O'Brien of Kingston, for the committee on Counties, on a petition, a Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission on county jails and houses of correction (House, No. 3060). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. O'Brien of Kingston, for the committee on Counties, on a petition, a Bill relative to county government (House, No. 3675).

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, for the committee on Government Regulations, on House, Nos. 8 and 10, a Bill defining "Corporation" to include a limited liability company for the purposes of M. G. L. Chapter 138 (House, No. 10).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to farmer wineries (House, No. 1000).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. O'Brien of Kingston, for the committee on Counties, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the sheriff's department of Plymouth County to operate a C-Med system (House, No. 2476).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 958 and 2477, a Bill authorizing the financing and development of a new land records management facility for the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds (House, No. 2477).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill related to powers of county governments and councils of government (House, No. 3057).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for county advisory boards on economic development, regional planning and intergovernmental relations (House, No. 3059).

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, for the committee on Government Regulations, on a petition, a Bill relative to raffles or bazaars (House, No. 1001).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Needham to issue licenses to certain establishments for the sales of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises of restaurants with a seating capacity of less than 100 persons (House, No. 3921) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Natick to grant licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3923) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Verga of Gloucester, for the committee on Local Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to the operation of sewers in the town of Rockport (House, No. 489) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain subdivisions of land in the city of Gloucester (House, No. 490) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the office of treasurer-collector in the town of Carlisle (House, No. 645) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1034 and House, No. 855, a Bill authorizing the park commissioners of the town of Rochester to change the use of a certain parcel of municipal land acquired for outdoor recreational and athletic uses (House, No. 855) ([Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Ashby to grant certain easements (House, No. 4015) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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

Authorizing the town of Manchester-by-the-Sea to convey a certain parcel of land held for conservation purposes (House, No. 1239) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to a boundary change between the towns of Georgetown and Boxford (House, No. 2760); and

To amend the special act establishing a department of municipal finance for the town of Georgetown (House, No. 2761) [Local Approval Received];

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

At thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Ruane of Salem (Mr. DiMasi of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.