

## **JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**

Monday, March 25, 2002.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mrs. Walrath of Stow in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mrs. Walrath), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### *Communication.*

A communication from the Public Employee Retirement Administration (PERAC) submitting a copy of the actuarial valuation assessment of the financial condition of local retirement systems of the Commonwealth,— was placed on file.

### *Annual and Special Reports.*

A report of the Department of Education (under the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 70B of the General Laws) submitting a copy of interim regulations for the school building assistance program (received in the office the Clerk on March 25, 2002) (House, No. 4982), was referred to the committee on Education, Arts and Humanities. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

#### Annual reports

Of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (under Section 2 of Chapter 166A of the General Laws, as most recently amended by Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2002) concerning the appeals that came before the Division of Community Antennae Television during the calendar year 2001; and

Of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (under Section 69I of Chapter 164 of the General Laws) relative to the reliability and diversity of electricity and natural gas supplies in the Commonwealth during the calendar year 2001;

Severally were placed on file.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

The annual report of the trustees of the Boston Metropolitan District (under the provisions of Section 2 of Chapter 383 of the Acts of 1929) for the year 2001 (Senate, No. 2265) was read for the information of the House; and returned to the Senate.

A report of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to an inspection of the Massachusetts Treatment Center, located in the town of Bridgewater, was spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2295) of Brian A. Joyce, Shirley Owens-Hicks and Walter F. Timilty (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to interest income from the Milton community schools' account. To the committee on Education, Arts and Humanities.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2296) of Robert A. Antonioni, Emile J. Goguen, Mary Jane Simmons, Brian Knuutila and other members of the General Court for legislation to clarify the eligibility of the employees of the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission to participate in the Commonwealth's group insurance plan. To the committee on Insurance.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of John A. Locke relative to the suspension of a license to operate a motor vehicle for unsatisfied judgements arising out of personal injury. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Casey of Winchester, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Safety. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on the House Order relative to authorizing the committee on Taxation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning tax burdens, tax incentives, personal income tax and various other related matters (House, No. 4520) reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3436) of Thomas M. Menino, David T. Donnelly, Paul C. Demakis, Kevin W. Fitzgerald, Robert E. Travaglini and Marian Walsh relative to making technical corrections to the ownership affidavit law concerning property taxes,— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Taxation. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, for the committee on Government Regulations, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Somerset to issue an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4827) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to class 2 motor vehicle dealers (House, No. 4885).

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 House Bill providing for the annual observance of Luther Burbank Day (House, No. 4877) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Casey of Winchester, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill providing for the annual observance in the month of April for those afflicted by autism (House, No. 4942) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Pedone of Worcester, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Casey of Winchester, for the committee on Taxation, on a petition, a Bill relative to the financial conditions in the town of Swansea (House, No. 4935), which was read [Local Approval Received].

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

### *Engrossed Bills.*

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Relative to the debt limit of the town of Holliston (see Senate, No. 2155);

Relative to the recreation revolving fund in the town of Rutland (see Senate, No. 2195);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Authorizing leaves of absence for certain employees participating in Red Cross emergencies (see House, No. 4602);

Authorizing the town of Tyngsborough to refund certain payments (see House, No. 4661); and

Authorizing the town of Winchester to establish stabilization funds (see House, No. 4831, amended);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

### *Orders of the Day.*

House bills

Relative to the underground cable reimbursement schedule (House, No. 4074); and

Providing for the merger of the Boylston and Morningdale water districts (House, No. 4815);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill requiring audible warning devices for certain motor vehicles (House, No. 3780, changed) was read a second time.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Marini of Hanson and other members of the House moved that it be amended in section 1, in line 6, by striking out “7,500 pounds” (inserted by change) and inserting in place thereof the following: “9,000 pounds and manufactured after 1995”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3780, changed and amended) was ordered to a third reading.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Finneran of Boston,—

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

At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Casey of Winchester (Mrs. Walrath of Stow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.