

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 26, 2001.

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

God, Our Creator, at the beginning of this new workweek, we pray for the gifts of wisdom and patience as we conduct legislative business, legislative hearings, and deal with the concerns of people and the needs of our communities. Teach us to be objective, thoughtful and fair in weighing the merits of issues, assessing the input of constituents and checking our own biases. In this information age (some information accurate and much incorrect), help us to take the time to make rational and not emotional legislative decisions. In all we do, as elected leaders, may we be guided by sound human and spiritual values and by sound 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. DeLeo), 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. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Knights of Columbus District Deputy Richard J. Mabie, Sr., on the occasion of his retirement; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Swan of Springfield) welcoming Bishop Donald George Kenneth Ming to the Commonwealth;

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

Petitions.

Ms. Haddad of Somerset presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4058) of Patricia A. Haddad, Philip Travis and Joan M. Menard (by vote of the town) that the town of Swansea be authorized to appoint alternate members to the conservation commission of said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Local Affairs. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mrs. Cleven of Chelmsford (by request), petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Harold Leonard Evans relative to restricting the operation of buses on certain multi-lane highways.

By Mr. Finegold of Andover, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Barry R. Finegold relative to further regulating consumer credit reporting agencies.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the establishment of a library district in the towns of Mendon and Upton (Senate, No. 1833) (on Senate bill No. 1576), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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 Pondville Correctional Center in the town of Norfolk, was read for the information of the House; and returned to the Senate.

The following petition (having been returned to the Clerk of the Senate by the State Secretary, under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, with memorandum relative thereto) was referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1830) of Robert E. Travaglini and Stephen F. Lynch for legislation to authorize the Department of Environmental Protection to grant a license to Boston Tea Party Ship, Inc. To the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Notice was received that the President of the Senate had announced the following appointments to the Council of State Governments committees:

The President to the Governing Board/Executive Committee, Senators Wilkerson of the Second Suffolk District to the Annual Meeting Committee, Walsh of the Norfolk and Suffolk District to the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, Brewer of the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin District to the Associates Advisory Committee, Shannon of the Second Middlesex District to the Finance Committee, Joyce of the Suffolk and Norfolk District to the International Committee, Melconian of the Hampden District to the Strategic Planning Committee, Travaglini of the Suffolk and Middlesex District to the Suggested State Legislation Committee, Jajuga of the Third Essex District to the Corrections and Public Safety Taskforce, Pacheco of the First Plymouth and Bristol District to the Environmental Taskforce, Moore of the Worcester and Norfolk District to the Health Capacity Taskforce, Melconian of the Hampden District to the Executive Committee (Rosenberg of the Hampshire and Franklin District, alternate), Knapik of the Second Hampden and Hampshire District to the Agricultural Forum, Montigny of the Second Bristol District to the Budget Chairmen Roundtable, Wilkerson of the Second Suffolk District to the Criminal Justice Board of Directors, Nuciforo of the Berkshire, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin District and Tarr of the First Essex and Middlesex District to the Economic Affairs Committee, Morrissey of the Norfolk and Plymouth District to the Electricity Restructuring Task Force, Resor of the Middlesex and Worcester District, Glodis of the Second Worcester District, Fargo of the Fifth Middlesex District and O'Leary of the Cape and Islands District to the Environment/Energy Committee, Havern of the Fourth Middlesex District and Hedlund of the Plymouth and Norfolk District to the Transportation Committee, and Tisei of the Third Middlesex District and Hedlund of the Plymouth and Norfolk District to the ERC/Eastern Canadian Provinces Committee.

Notice was also received that the President of the Senate had announced the following appointments to the National Conference of States Legislatures committees:

Senators Pacheco of the First Plymouth and Bristol District to the committee on Agriculture and International Trade, Magnani of the Middlesex, Norfolk and Worcester District to the committee on Commerce and Communication, Antonioni of the Worcester and Middlesex District to the committee on Education, Labor and Job Training, Murray of the Plymouth and Barnstable District to the committee on Energy and Transportation, Pacheco of the First Plymouth and Bristol District to the committee on Environment, Montigny of the Second Bristol District to the committee on Federal Budget and Taxation, Chandler of the First Worcester District to the committee on Health, Tucker of the Second Essex and Middlesex District to the committee on Human Services, and Creem of the First Middlesex and Norfolk District to the committee on Law and Justice.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Public Service, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1100) of Thomas P. Kennedy that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles be directed to issue distinctive license plates for combat veterans; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2058) of Salvatore F. DiMasi for legislation to establish the rank of first lieutenant in the Department of the State Police;

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Public Safety.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, for the committee on Government Regulations, on House, Nos. 8 and 42, a Bill relative to certain boards within the Division of Professional Licensure (House, No. 42).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to veterans' preference in hawkers or peddlers licenses (House, No. 1372).

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

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, for the committee on Government Regulations, on Senate, No. 383 and House, Nos. 8 and 64, a Bill making program improvements and technical changes to the home improvement contractor program (House, No. 64).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to deter unlicensed practice of engineering and land surveying (House, No. 2894).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regulating travel agencies (House, No. 2903).

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

Order.

On motion of Mr. Casey of Winchester,—

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