

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 28, 2002.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Greene of Billerica 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, during these solemn and sacred religious holy days, in a spirit of humility, penitence and thanksgiving, we turn our thoughts to You. The observance and celebration of Passover, Good Friday and Easter Sunday reminds us of Your personal concern and love for Your people and all people, and Your influence on the direction and events of the World's history. We pray that our faith and trust in You will continue to be rock solid. May the gift of peace and joy which You offer to us daily, especially at this season of the year, fill our hearts and minds and deepen our commitment to You and Your ways.

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

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

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Speliotis of Danvers) congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swanson on the occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order (having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, joint standing committees and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, be granted until Friday, April 19, 2002, within which to make reports on matters referred to them.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Donovan of Woburn, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Reports of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspections of certain correctional facilities, as follows:

Of the Franklin County Jail and House of Correction, in the town of Greenfield;

Of the Massachusetts Correctional Institution Concord, in the town of Concord; and

Of the Western Massachusetts Correctional Alcohol Center, in the city of Springfield;

Severally were spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

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. 4949) of James R. Miceli and Susan C. Tucker that the State Retirement Board be directed to grant certain creditable service to Christine Sprague for retirement purposes,— and recommending that the same be referred to the Senate committee on Ways and Means. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted, insomuch as relates to the discharge of the committee. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill relative to safe rides for individuals in unsafe situations (House, No. 3601) 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.

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

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the appointment of certain persons as firefighters in the town of Ipswich notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4852) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and 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.

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

Under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been

reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time forthwith; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing certain persons to take a civil service examination for firefighter in the town of Ipswich notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4854) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and 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.

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

Under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time forthwith; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Miss Garry of Dracut, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill providing for local government workforce reduction through an early retirement incentive program for employees (House, No. 4978) ought to pass with certain amendments in section 1, in line 4, by striking out the figure: "1" and inserting in place thereof the figure: "20", in line 5, by striking out the word "town,", in line 6, by inserting after the word "system" the words "except that within a town acceptance of this section shall be by the legislative or executive authority", by striking out, in lines 22 and 23, the words "the board of selectmen or the town meeting if the board of selectmen so deems" and inserting in place thereof the words "the town meeting", in line 54 by inserting after the word "act" the words "but said limitation shall not be less than the percentage of employees in said group classification in the general population of the governmental unit participating in the affected retirement system as it pertains to the total employees in the program"; and in section 2, in line 8, by striking out the word "and" and inserting in place thereof the word "or". Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means, with the amendments pending.

By Mr. Tobin of Quincy, for the committee on Criminal Justice, on House, Nos. 412 and 3260, a Bill relative to falsifying an emergency transmission (House, No. 412).

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 4902, a Bill authorizing the reinstatement of Frederick Nesson as a member in service of the state retirement system (House, No. 4985).

By Mr. Sullivan of Braintree, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative

to the disposal of lost, abandoned, and stolen property by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (House, No. 1331).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the disposition of surplus real property by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (House, No. 2102).

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

By Mr. Tobin of Quincy, for the committee on Criminal Justice, on House, Nos. 1920 and 4897, a Bill relative to furnishing false name, social security number or address to a police officer when stopped or detained (House, No. 1920).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 4040 and 4745, a Bill relative to school safety (House, No. 4745).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to civil commitment of sexually dangerous persons (House, No. 4915).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2478, 3491, 3502 and 4944, a Bill to punish flights from arrest (printed in House, No. 4944).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 587 and 3066, a Bill relative to the penalties for killing, maiming or poisoning of an animal (House, No. 4986).

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Winchester to establish a retiree healthcare liability trust fund (printed as Senate, No. 2191) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill granting the widow and children of Steven F. Greene retirement benefits (House, No. 4625) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the city charter of the city of Lawrence to delete the residency requirement for city employees (House, No. 4806) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Lexington to establish a post retirement insurance liability fund (House, No. 4856) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill exempting the position of chief of police in the city of Fitchburg from the provisions of the civil service law (House, No. 4881) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the appointment of Luann M. Tomaso as a police officer in the town of Milford (House, No. 4921) [Local

Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4731, a Bill relative to the police department of the town of Milford (House, No. 4987) [Local Approval Received].

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

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill providing for the annual observance of Luther Burbank Day (House, No. 4877), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Finneran of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at one o'clock P.M.

At twenty-nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Sullivan of Braintree (Mr. Greene of Billerica being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at one o'clock P.M., in an Informal Session.