

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, April 4, 2002.

Met at eight minutes after 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:

Holy Spirit of God, in facing our own responsibilities and in confronting current legislative and governmental challenges, we turn to You for assistance. Your guidance, which is available to us through prayer, enables us to accept and to respond to the burdens and tasks of public service. In dealing with constituents and colleagues, inspire us to be patient when patience is needed, humble when humility is needed, civil when civility is called for and courageous when principles are questioned. In our daily living, may we follow Your ways and values which offer us peace of mind, sound and personal happiness.

Grant Your blessings to 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.

Messages from the Acting Governor.

A message from Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor (under the provisions of Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to appointing the clerk of the town of Brookfield to the board of selectmen of the town (House, No. 4998) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, April 3.

The message was read; and it was referred, on motion of Ms. Story of Amherst, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for said committee, on the foregoing message, then reported a Bill appointing the clerk of the town of Brookfield to the board of selectmen of the town (printed in House, No. 4998). 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. Casey of Winchester, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

A message from Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor (under the provisions of Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to exempting the positions of school custodian and school food service

worker in the town of North Andover from the civil service law (House, No. 4999) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, April 3.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Special Recognition.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Walsh of Boston) declared a brief recess, and recognized Assistant Chief Court Officer Timothy Leonard, who will be retiring Friday after 33 years of distinguished service to the Commonwealth.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Creedon of Brockton) congratulating Sean Michael Grealish on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Festa of Melrose and Falzone of Saugus) congratulating Paul J. Tripodi on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hillman of Sturbridge) on the occasion of the retirement of Alberta Sebolt George, President of Old Sturbridge Village; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown) honoring Reverend Father Arsen Barsamian on his retirement;

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

Annual and Quarterly Reports.

The annual report of the Division of Standards (under Section 11A of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) relative to compliance with the unit pricing laws of the Commonwealth; and

A quarterly report of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (under Section 5L of Chapter 152 of the Acts of 1997) relative to contracts regarding the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center project entered into by said authority;

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5002) of David L. Flynn, Thomas J. O'Brien, Marc R. Pacheco and Robert S. Creedon, Jr. (by vote of the town) relative to establishing high and low levels for the Monponsett ponds located in the town of Halifax. To the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture.

By Mr. O'Brien of Kingston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5003) of Thomas J. O'Brien, David L. Flynn, Marc R. Pacheco and Robert S. Creedon, Jr. (by vote of the town) relative to the disability retirement of police officers and fire fighters in the town of Halifax. To the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester (by request), petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Anthony Hmura for legislation to provide for the taxation of education institutions.

By Mr. Koutoujian of Newton, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter J. Koutoujian, Robert Correia, Paul Kujawski and Kevin W. Fitzgerald relative to authorizing the Information Technology Division to respond to certain requests for information.

By Mr. Rogers of New Bedford, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of George Rogers relative to the installation of carbon monoxide detector systems in certain buildings.

By Mr. Tirone of Amesbury, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul E. Tirone relative to designating a certain rail plaza in the city of Newburyport as the Raymond F. Welch Memorial Plaza.

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

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Tobin of Quincy, for the committee on Criminal Justice, on House, Nos. 136, 138, 146, 171, 238, 239, 240, 241, 409, 410, 411, 583, 584, 585, 586, 589, 590, 779, 780, 781, 807, 964, 965, 966, 967, 1169, 1170, 1172, 1346, 1348, 1349, 1541, 1542, 1726, 1727, 1728, 1919, 1921, 1922, 1923, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2479, 2480, 2659, 2660, 2661, 2662, 2663, 2664, 2665, 2666, 2667, 2669, 2858, 2859, 2860, 2861, 3065, 3257, 3258, 3259, 3490, 3492, 3493, 3494, 3496, 3498, 3499, 3500, 3503, 3676, 3677, 3678, 3680, 3681, 3682, 3683, 3684, 3854, 3855, 3858, 3900, 3913, 4038, 4039, 4041, 4081, 4082, 4113, 4114, 4709 and 4896, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Criminal Justice to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning controlled substances, alcoholic beverages, sex offenses, assault and battery and murder (House, No. 5000). 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.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill relative to the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway (see House, No. 4577, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill providing for a charter for the town of Sandwich (Senate, No. 2192, changed), 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, in concurrence.

The House Bill relative to safety of school-sponsored travel (House, No. 4937) was read a second time; and it 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 Monday next at one o'clock P.M.

At twenty-one minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Casey of Winchester (Mr. Walsh of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at one o'clock P.M., in an Informal Session.