

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, April 12, 2001.

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

Gracious God, the Ultimate Source of Forgiveness, Truth and Goodness, we pause for a moment to think about the material and spiritual gifts and blessings which You bestow upon us daily. As we celebrate Patriots' Day, a state holiday, we express our gratitude to the men and women which, by their sacrifices and courage, have made our freedoms and rights a reality. We are also grateful for the religious liberty which we have inherited as we observe the events of this Passover and Holy Week and celebrate the peace and joy of Easter, a religious and family day. May the Easter spirit of joy fill our hearts and minds throughout the year.

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

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

Messages from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to unemployment insurance contributions for the year 2002 (House, No. 4095) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Monday, April 9.

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

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to setting reasonable unemployment insurance contribution rates (House, No. 4096) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Monday, April 9.

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

*Resignation of His Excellency Argeo Paul Cellucci,
Governor of the Commonwealth.*

A communication from the State Secretary submitting a copy of the letter of resignation of His Excellency Argeo Paul Cellucci, Governor of the Commonwealth, was received in the office of the Speaker of the House and in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, April 10; and said resignation was read for the information of the House, as follows:

April 10, 2001.

The Honorable WILLIAM F. GALVIN

Secretary of the Commonwealth

State House, Room 337

Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby resign the office of Governor of Massachusetts, effective today, April 10, 2001, at eleven o'clock in the morning.

Sincerely,

ARGEO PAUL CELLUCCI.

The communication, with the accompanying letter of resignation, then was placed on file.

Resignation of Representative John A. Stefanini of Framingham.

The following communication, received by the Clerk from the office of the Speaker of the House, was read for the information of the House; and placed on file.

April 10, 2001.

The Honorable THOMAS M. FINNERAN

Speaker of the House

State House, Room 356

Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

After serving nearly a decade in the House of Representatives, I am writing to submit my resignation as State Representative from the Seventh Middlesex District, effective April 10, 2001, to accept the position of Chief Counsel within your office.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you, the members of the House, and the House staff for all of their kindness. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to the citizens of the Seventh Middlesex District who have chosen me to serve as their Representative continuously since 1993.

I look forward to working with you in the years to come, continuing and building upon our commitment to ensuring the bright future of the Commonwealth.

Warm Regards,

JOHN A. STEFANINI,

State Representative,

Seventh Middlesex District.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donnelly of Boston) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair, there being no objection; and introduced Paul Camuso, a school committeeman in the city of Medford, accompanied by Jill Robinson and Joe Lavoie, students from Medford High School. They were the guests of Representative Donato of Medford.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Bradley of Hingham) recognizing fifty years of Hingham youth

baseball;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Galvin of Canton, Timilty of Milton and Ayers of Quincy) congratulating John P. Sullivan;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Honan of Boston and Golden of Boston) congratulating Doctor Frank B. Campanella on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Vice President of Boston College;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Kaprielian of Watertown and Koutoujian of Newton) on the occasion of the Day of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide of 1915 to 1923;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown) congratulating Reverend Emmanuel S. Metaxas on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the holy priesthood;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Mariano of Quincy and other members of the House) congratulating the South Shore Association of Retarded Citizens on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Brien of Kingston) congratulating Benjamin N. Stevens on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Patrick of Falmouth, Kaprielian of Watertown and Turkington of Falmouth) congratulating Peter F. Boyer on the occasion of his retirement; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Swan of Springfield) congratulating Firefighter Leonard A. Corbin on the occasion of his retirement;

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

Communications.

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From the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (under the provisions of Subsection 11 of Section 151 of Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1999) detailing the actual net operating investment per passenger mile ratio for fiscal years 1999 through 2003;

From the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (under the provisions of Subsection 5(h) of Section 151 of Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1999) submitting a report of its operations for the year ending December 31, 2000;

From the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (under the provisions of Section 69I of Chapter 164 of the General Laws) submitting a report of the reliability and diversity of electricity and natural gas in the Commonwealth; and

From the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority (under the provisions of Section 12(i) of Chapter 81A of the General Laws) submitting the cost/schedule status of the Central Artery/Tunnel Project in compliance with a partnership agreement with the Federal Highway Administration;

Severally were read for the information of the House; and placed on file.

Annual and Bi-Monthly Reports.

Annual report of the State Lottery Commission (under the provisions of Section 38 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) of its Charitable Gaming Division for the year ending December 31, 2000; and

Bi-monthly report of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority (under the provisions of Section 178 of Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1989) on the cost for the Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel Project;

Severally were read for the information of the House; and placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Rogers of Norwood, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4091) of John H. Rogers and Marian Walsh (by vote of the town) that the town of Norwood be authorized to use certain conservation land located in said town for roadway and bridge purposes. To the committee on Local Affairs.

By Mr. Spellane of Worcester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4092) of Raymond V. Mariano (mayor), Thomas R. Hoover (city manager), Robert Spellane and James B. Leary (with the approval of the city council) relative to the installation of speed humps, so-called, in the city of Worcester. To the committee on Public Safety.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Kujawski of Webster presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul Kujawski, David L. Flynn and Guy W. Glodis relative to public employees campaigning for part-time

municipal offices; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Polito of Shrewsbury, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Bunker of Rutland, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David C. Bunker, Jr., and Harriette L. Chandler relative to directing the Teachers' Retirement Board to refund excess amounts paid by Linda Miller.

By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert A. DeLeo, Michael W. Morrissey and Kathi-Anne Reinstein relative to increasing the retirement allowance of certain former state police officers and metropolitan district police officers.

By Mr. Fresolo of Worcester, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John P. Fresolo, John J. Binienda and Guy W. Glodis relative to Francis X. Sena, an employee in the Division of Industrial Accidents.

By Mr. George of Yarmouth, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas N. George and other members of the General Court relative to granting state employees leaves of absence for bone marrow and organ donations.

By Mr. Goguen of Fitchburg, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Emile J. Goguen and Brian Knuuttila that the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey a certain easement in the city of Fitchburg to Francis Driscoll and Carleta Driscoll.

By Mr. Miceli of Wilmington, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James R. Miceli relative to the continuing education of public educators at post secondary institutions.

By Mr. O'Brien of Kingston, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas J. O'Brien, Michael E. Festa, Gale D. Candaras, Susan W. Pope and Rachel Kaprielian relative to the licensing of second hand motor vehicle dealers.

By Mr. Rogers of New Bedford, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of George Rogers and another relative to establishing safety equipment standards for school buses in the Commonwealth.

By Mr. Sullivan of Braintree, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael W. Morrissey, Joseph C. Sullivan and others relative to further extending the time for which certain land in Norfolk County may be used as a temporary minimum security alternative correction center.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution) to section 3 contained in the engrossed bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2001 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 4021, amended) came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in adoption of the amendment recommended by the Governor (in the form of An Act relative to the school building assistance program (House, No. 4075) with a further amendment striking out all after the re-enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

“Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, if the town of Pembroke withdraws from the Silver Lake Regional School District, said town and district shall be eligible for the reimbursement percentage rate from the commonwealth for any school building projects resulting from the withdrawal of said town from said district at the reimbursement percentage rate which was in effect, before the effective date of chapter 159 of the acts of 2000, as set forth in chapter 645 of the acts of 1948, provided, however, that said town and district shall not be so eligible for the reimbursement percentage rate if the withdrawal of the town is so approved after June 30, 2001. The reimbursement percentage rate shall not remain in effect for any school building projects approved by the department of education pursuant to chapter 70B of the General Laws after January 1, 2005 or for any school buildings which are unrelated to the withdrawal of said town from said district if approved by said department before said date. This section shall not preclude the town nor the district from separately opting out of this section.

The district may sell and convey any or all interest in the 2 school buildings owned by the district in the town of Pembroke to the town upon its withdrawal from said district in accordance with the terms of the Silver Lake Regional School District Agreement. The town shall be eligible for the reimbursement percentage rate in effect before the effective date of said chapter 159 for the costs of the purchase and conveyance at a price not to exceed their appraised value as determined by an independent appraisal which shall be subject to the review and approval of the inspector general, less any amounts the town receives from the sale of its interest in any other regional school district buildings. The review shall include an examination of the methodology used for the appraisal. The inspector general shall prepare a report of his review and file the report with the commissioner of education, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on state administration.

The town and the district shall be eligible for the reimbursement percentage rate in effect before the effective date of said chapter 159 for any renovation or construction costs incurred to provide educationally sound facilities for students in the new Pembroke school system or remaining in the regional school district comprised of Halifax, Kingston and Plympton. The monies paid by said town to the district for the purchase of the 2 school

buildings shall be used by the district for the costs of the renovation and construction. The district's expenditure of monies for such purposes shall not be eligible for reimbursement from the commonwealth pursuant to said chapter 70B. Except for the reimbursement percentage as provided in section 10 of said chapter 70B, all other provisions of said chapter 70B shall apply to the application of said town and district for school building assistance from the commonwealth.”.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Rogers of Norwood, the further amendment (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Bills

Relative to gas or electric companies declaring stock or scrip dividend (Senate, No. 416) (on House, No. 2520);

Relative to the development of an athletic facility by the Assabet Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District (Senate, No. 1815) (on a petition);

Clarifying the income tax deduction for charitable giving (Senate, No. 1826, changed in section 2, in line 1, by striking out the following: “6J” and inserting in place thereof the following: “6I”; and by inserting after section 2 the following section:—

“SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2001.”; and amended in section 1, in lines 7 and 8, by striking out the words “for the taxable year” (on a petition); and

Allowing victims of violent crimes to testify at Parole Board hearings (Senate, No. 1844) (on Senate bill, No. 1196);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills

Relative to the enforcement of the safety belt law (Senate, No. 1211) (on a petition); and

Establishing the boundary line between the town of Southborough and the town of Westborough (Senate, No. 1834) (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.

Reports

Of the committee on Health Care, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 597) of Steven A. Tolman, David P. Magnani, Shirley Owens-Hicks and Harriette L. Chandler for legislation to expand the Medical Security Program,—and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Commerce and Labor.

Of the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 606) of Robert E. Travaglini, Anthony Petruccelli, Gerald DiFranza and Susan C. Fargo that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the needs of persons with agoraphobia and related disorders,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 611) of Marian Walsh, Brian P. Golden, Colleen M. Garry, other members of the General Court and another for legislation to establish a health protection fund,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Taxation.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1846) of Therese Murray, Robert S. Creedon, Jr., Thomas J. O'Brien and Viriato Manuel deMacedo for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Christine Oteri, an employee of the Trial Court. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1847) of Robert A. O'Leary for legislation relative to the minimum size for sale or possession of lobsters. To the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Notice was received that the President of the Senate had announced the appointment of Senators Lynch of the First Suffolk District and Tucker of the Second Essex and Middlesex District to the Workforce Investment Board (pursuant to Governor's Executive Order Number 413); and that the Minority Leader of the Senate had appointed Senator Tarr of the First Essex and Middlesex District to said board.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Edward G. Connolly relative to designating the conference room in the Everett Allied Rink as the Michael V. Fonzi Memorial Room. To the committee on Housing and Urban Development.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of John P. Fresolo and Guy W. Glodis for legislation to provide group insurance for regional planning districts. To the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Karyn E. Polito and Pamela P. Resor relative to designating the Paine Building at Westborough State Hospital as Joseph Allen Hall. To the committee on State Administration.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Polito of Shrewsbury, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mrs. Simmons of Leominster, for the committee on Counties, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 145) of Stephen M. Brewer, David C. Bunker, Jr., and Arthur LeBlanc for legislation to authorize cities and towns to expand the powers of animal control officers;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 146) of Stephen M. Brewer, John Kellstrand, David C. Bunker, Jr., and David H. Tuttle for legislation to regulate the recovery of lost dogs;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 147) of Stephen M. Brewer, John Kellstrand, David C. Bunker, Jr., and David H. Tuttle for legislation to extend the life of impounded dogs;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 150) of Harriette L. Chandler for legislation to transfer the care, control and custody of county roadways to the Commonwealth;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 153) of Pamela P. Resor and Mary Jane Simmons for legislation to establish an animal control commission and to deal with dangerous dogs in the counties of the Commonwealth;

Of so much of the recommendations of the Department of Food and Agriculture (House, No. 88) as relates to clarifying certain powers and duties of said department pertaining to pet

shops (accompanied by bill, House, No. 95);

Of so much of the recommendations of the Department of the State Treasurer (House, No. 209) as relates to the abolition of county government (accompanied by bill, House, No. 220);

Of the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 959) of Mary Jane Simmons and Pamela P. Resor for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to recodifying the dog and animal laws of the Commonwealth;

Of the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 960) of Mary Jane Simmons and Thomas J. O'Brien for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the operation of counties and councils of government within the Commonwealth;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1167) of David H. Tuttle and another relative to the breeding and sale of dogs;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1918) of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers and Brian S. Dempsey for legislation to further regulate payments to counties for court rental facilities;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2120) of AFSCME Council 93 and Kevin W. Fitzgerald relative to the civil service rights of employees of the sheriff of Suffolk County;

Of the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 2121) of Vincent A. Pedone for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to county agricultural schools;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2473) of Paul C. Casey, Carol A. Donovan, David P. Magnani and Anthony J. Verga for legislation to establish a retained revenue account in the civil process division in the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2474) of Paul C. Casey and Anthony J. Verga relative to the availability of the dog law booklet;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2658) of Antonio F. D. Cabral, Thomas J. O'Brien and Benjamin Swan relative to the appointment of certain directors to the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2855) of Robert Wright and Daniel E. Bosley that the Department of Public Health be directed to promulgate rules and regulations relative to the licensing of cats;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3056) of Thomas J. O'Brien and Viriato Manuel deMacedo relative to the submission of county budgets to the General Court;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3256) of Tara M. Sullivan relative to

prohibiting cities and towns from charging fees for bringing dogs and other pets onto property under the control of The Trustees of Reservations; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3853) of Cheryl A. Rivera relative to the fees associated with dogs restrained by dog officers for certain elderly persons;

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Counties on the part of the House; and

By Mr. Toomey of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Safety, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3417) of Joseph F. Wagner for legislation to authorize the Hampden County Sheriff's Department to establish a revenue retention account for community restitution and juvenile crime prevention programs,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

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

By Mr. Toomey of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Safety, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2766) of Demetrius J. Atsalis relative to establishing a hotline for the use of foster children reporting cases of abuse or mistreatment,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing and directing the Superintendent of State Office Buildings to accept and place a mural of the 9/4th Infantry Division in the State House (House, No. 1125) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Jehlen of Somerville, 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 authorizing the town of Ashby to grant certain easements (House, No. 4015) [Local Approval Received] be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Energy, on House, Nos. 2507, 2510, 2511 and 2889, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Energy to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning nuclear power plants and the health effects of electric and magnetic fields (House, No. 4085).

By Ms. Stanley of West Newbury, for the committee on Health Care, on House, No. 1012, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Health Care to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning the regulation of autopsies (House, No. 4086).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1192, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Health Care to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning the repeal of certain provisions of the lead paint poisoning prevention law (House, No. 4087).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2218, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Health Care to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning the establishment of terminal illness standards for patients (House, No. 4088).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3095, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Health Care to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning the evaluation of health conditions and programs at the Massachusetts Correctional Institution in the town of Framingham (House, No. 4089).

Severally 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, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of said orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill relative to the Energy Conservation Service Public Advisory Committee (House, No. 2506) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committees on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. Simmons of Leominster, for the committee on Counties, on a petition, a Resolve relative to county lands (House, No. 237, changed in line 3 by inserting after the word "Selectmen" the words "and a representative appointed by the mayor of Waltham"; and in

line 5 by inserting after the word “Lexington” the words “and the city of Waltham”). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mrs. Simmons of Leominster, for the committee on Counties, on a petition, a Bill relative to abolished counties (House, No. 961).

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Energy, on a petition, a Bill relative to emergency planning (House, No. 2509).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring nuclear power plant facilities to file reports relative to the decommissioning of nuclear power plants (House, No. 2512).

By Ms. Stanley of West Newbury, for the committee on Health Care, on a petition, a Bill relative to realistic allowable costs for funerals of indigents (House, No. 1003).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 117 and 121, a Bill granting the Department of Labor and Workforce Development authority to obtain injunctive relief and civil administrative penalties for violations of the provisions of the Commonwealth’s lead law over which the department has jurisdiction (House, No. 121, changed in section 1 by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

“All monies collected as civil administrative penalties by the department under this section shall be transferred to the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, established by chapter 708 of the Acts of 1966, to be used to assist low and moderate income homeowners with lead paint abatement through said agency’s ‘Get the Lead Out’ program.”).

By Mr. Koutoujian of Newton, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 546 and House, No. 1756, a Bill relative to hospice programs, licensure and definition (House, No. 1756, changed in line 12 by inserting after the word “bereavement” the words “at home, in the community, and in facilities”; in line 19 by inserting after the word “directly” the words “through an inpatient facility operating under its hospice license”; and in line 22 by striking out the words “which meets said licensing regulations” and inserting in place thereof the words “it deems responsible and suitable to maintain such a program”).

By Mr. Hall of Westford, for the committee on State Administration, on House, No. 736, a Bill authorizing the Commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management to convey certain land in the town of Tewksbury (House, No. 4090).

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

By Mrs. Simmons of Leominster, for the committee on Counties, on a petition, a Bill related to the functions of counties and councils of government in the Commonwealth (House, No.

963).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding county agricultural schools (House, No. 1166).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to dangerous dogs (House, No. 1168).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for the destruction of certain dogs (House, No. 1539).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to anti-rabies vaccine reimbursement (House, No. 2856).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further regulating reporting requirements of constables (House, No. 2857).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to dog license fees for senior citizens (House, No. 3054, changed in line 5 by inserting after the word “over” the words “in any city or town who accepts this provision by a vote of the city council and approval by the mayor and in a town by a vote of the town meeting”).

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Energy, on a petition, a Bill relative to radiation exposure records of nuclear power plant workers (House, No. 2508).

By Mrs. Parente of Milford, for the committee on Local Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to the appointment of superintendent of streets (House, No. 1062).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the length of term for weighers, measurers and commodities (House, No. 1447).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to grant the board of selectmen limited authority to transfer funds between accounts (House, No. 2011).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1018 and House, No. 2568, a Bill concerning employment contracts for town accountants and city auditor (House, No. 2568).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to assistant town clerks in certain towns (House, No. 2756).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing municipal liens for certain unpaid fines (House, No. 3378).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain borrowing by the town of Cohasset (House, No. 4013) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the

membership of the conservation commission of the town of Swansea (House, No. 4058) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Toomey of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Safety, on House, Nos. 861, 867 and 2030, a Bill relative to speed limit violations in marked construction zones (House, No. 867) [Senators Jajuga and Brewer dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the operation of sound producing devices in motor vehicles (House, No. 2960).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill prohibiting the transportation of a child in the bed of a pickup truck (House, No. 3591).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to mufflers (House, No. 3593).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 173 and 181, a Bill relative to handicap parking restrictions (House, No. 4093).

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

*Report of a Committee on a Proposal for
a Legislative Amendment to the Constitution.*

Mr. Sullivan of Braintree, for the committee on Transportation, on the petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 2463) of Joseph C. Sullivan, Robert A. Havern and another for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the expenditure of monies from the Highway Fund,— reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23, recommending that the amendment proposed by said petition (see House, No. 2463), ought to pass.

The report was read; and placed on file, in accordance with the requirements of said rule.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Rena C. Pelletier, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3760), 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 Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty-two minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Kaufman of Lexington (Mr. Donnelly of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.