

## **JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**

Tuesday, April 17, 2001.

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

Ever-Present God, we begin today's legislative session of this Easter Week by praying for Your assistance and guidance. In Your goodness, inspire us to recognize the large social, cultural and ethical issues of these changing times, to articulate clearly these challenges to the electorate and to address these changes in a mature and prudent manner. Grant us the patience to listen to others and their experiences and insights before we make our own decisions. Help us to live peacefully in our diverse society with a variety of philosophies, but to remain faithful to our own personal, religious and ethical principles.

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

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

### *Message from the Acting Governor.*

A message from Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor, recommending legislation relative to promoting fiscal responsibility in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4106) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, April 12.

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

### *Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill establishing a capital investment fund in the town of Blackstone (Senate, No. 1026) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], 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 petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1845) of Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr., and Shaun P. Kelly (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the board of selectmen in the town of Dalton, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Local Affairs.

A petition of Robert S. Creedon, Jr., Brian A. Joyce, Geraldine Creedon, Christine E. Canavan and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the water supply of the city of Brockton, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and, there being no objection, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1848) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Casey of Winchester, for the committee on Taxation, recommending that the biennial report of the Commissioner of Revenue (under Section 10C of Chapter 58 of the General Laws) submitting an equalization and apportionment upon the several cities and towns of the amount of property and proportion of every one thousand dollars of state or county tax which should be assessed upon each city or town (House, No. 3033) be placed on file.

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, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the following bills:

Relative to raffles or bazaars (House, No. 1001);

Authorizing the Sheriff's Department of Plymouth County to operate a C-Med system (House, No. 2476);

Related to powers of county governments and councils of government (House, No. 3057); and

Providing for county advisory boards on economic development, regional planning and intergovernmental relations (House, No. 3059);

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

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

By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the following bills:

Authorizing the town of Natick to grant licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3923) [Local Approval Received],— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Government Regulations; and

Authorizing the town of Andover to convey land to the Andover Village Improvement Society for a pedestrian easement (Senate, No. 1045) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Andover to convey land to the Andover Village Improvement Society (Senate, No. 1046) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to certain town ways in the town of Tewksbury (Senate, No. 1048) [Local Approval Received];

Establishing the office of treasurer-collector in the town of Carlisle (House, No. 645) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing the park commissioners of the town of Rochester to change the use of a certain parcel of municipal land acquired for outdoor recreational and athletic uses (House, No. 855) [Local Approval Received];

And recommending that the same severally be recommitted to the committee on Local Affairs.

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

By Mr. Larkin of Pittsfield, for the committee on Education, Arts and Humanities, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1936) of John H. Rogers and other members of the General Court relative to immunization from Hepatitis B as a requirement for admission to public schools,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care. 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 relative to the regulation of hours of operation for common victualler licenses (House, No. 1754) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, 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 financing and development of a new land records management

facility for the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds (House, No. 2477) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Ruane of Salem, 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 Silver Lake Regional School District to grant an easement (House, No. 3960) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

By Mrs. Parente of Milford, for the committee on Local Affairs, on House, Nos. 298, 854, 1242, 2942, 3767 and 3768, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Local Affairs to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning tree wardens, local development and zoning (House, No. 4098). 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.

By Mr. Hall of Westford, for the committee on State Administration, on a petition, a Resolve providing for the creation of a special commission relative to a new seal and new motto for the Commonwealth (House, No. 2260). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Toomey of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Safety, on Senate, Nos. 1160 and 1166 and House, Nos. 496, 865 and 1082, a Bill relative to handicapped stickers for motorcycle license plates (House, No. 4099).

By Mr. Hall of Westford, for the committee on State Administration, on a petition, a Bill for the erection of POW-MIA eternal flame (House, No. 730).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect tropical rain forests by restricting state purchases of certain wood products (House, No. 2261).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to convey an easement in

a certain parcel of land in the town of Wrentham (House, No. 3190).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the leasing of publicly-owned land for agricultural purposes (House, No. 3200).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1549, a Bill relative to exchange of interests in land located in the town of Hingham and for an improved waterfront park and improved access to water transportation facilities (House, No. 4102).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 8 and 41, a Bill relative to the membership of certain boards of registration (House, No. 4103).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 734, a Bill providing for the lease of Commonwealth land in the town of Tewksbury (House, No. 4104).

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

By Mr. Cahill of Beverly, for the committee on Housing and Urban Development, on a petition, a Bill allowing local housing authorities access to criminal and other records of tenants and prospective tenants (House, No. 614).

By Mr. Hall of Westford, for the committee on State Administration, on a petition, a Bill proclaiming April as Armenian-American Heritage Month (House, No. 1501).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for the annual observance of World War II Commemoration Day (House, No. 1680).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to accommodate the patriotic expressions of the citizens of the Commonwealth (House, No. 2614).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill proclaiming the first week of October as Massachusetts safe schools week (House, No. 2983).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 8 and 45, a Bill protecting the privacy of consumers regarding the Division of Professional Licensure (House, No. 4105).

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

### *Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill relative to the school building assistance program (see House, No. 4075, amended) (which originated in the House) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be

rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Finneran of Boston,—

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

At eighteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Ruane of Salem (Mr. DiMasi of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.