

## **JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**

Monday, April 22, 2002.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., with Mr. Casey of Winchester 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, Our Creator and Ultimate Judge, in a spirit of humility we pray for a greater sharing and appreciation of Your gift of wisdom which enables us to evaluate daily and accurately our personal and legislative options and choices. Inspire us to make daily decisions not on the shifting sands of public opinion but on the rock foundations of tried and true human and spiritual values. Today's celebration of Earth Day reminds us of Your act of creation and of the great material resources and blessings which we enjoy as citizens of this vast nation. Teach us to value, respect and utilize prudently these treasures so that future generations will inherit a clean, productive and environmentally safe land.

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

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Casey), 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. Peterson of Grafton) congratulating Boy Scout Troop 155 on the occasion of its 50th anniversary;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow) congratulating the Tuesday Morning Music Club of Springfield;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Galvin of Canton) congratulating George Francis Jenkins, Jr.;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Matthew D. Francoeur on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Nicholas A. Reed on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Hahn of Westfield) congratulating Patrick Frederick Brose on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. LeDuc of Marlborough) congratulating Mary G. DiMatteo on the

occasion of her 100th birthday;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Locke of Wellesley) congratulating Peter Judd Shellito on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Locke of Wellesley) congratulating Colin McGee Tierney on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Swan of Springfield) congratulating Reverend Dr. Bryant Robinson, Jr.; and

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Walrath of Stow) congratulating Patrick J. Bruen on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. There being no objection, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were adopted.

#### *Petitions.*

Mr. Broadhurst of Methuen presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5030) of Arthur J. Broadhurst (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to amending a certain lease agreement between the city known as the town of Methuen and Dispatch Communications; 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 Ms. Flavin of Easthampton, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nancy Flavin relative to the control of motor vehicles on the campuses of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel E. Bosley and other members of the General Court relative to prohibiting tax stamping on certain cigarettes.

By Ms. Polito of Shrewsbury, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Karyn E. Polito, John J. Binienda, Shirley Gomes and Elizabeth Poirier that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles be authorized to issue distinctive Red Sox insignia license plates for the establishment of a state fund to be known as the Jimmy Fund of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

By Mr. Tirone of Amesbury, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul E. Tirone relative to authorizing cities and towns to make applications for correction of determinations of value.

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

#### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill allowing the release of police reports to

school administrators (Senate, No. 1212),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, for the committee on Insurance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the recommitted Order relative to authorizing the committee on Insurance to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning insurance premiums paid by employees of the city of Pittsfield (House, No. 4803),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Service. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, on Senate, Nos. 408, 679, 682, 703 and 705, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs to make an investigation and study of certain Senate documents concerning contracts, fees and licensing of social service providers (House, No. 5024).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4899, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning that the employees of the Department of Social Services be required to wear photo identification (House, No. 5025).

By Mr. Koczera of New Bedford, for the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, No. 5002, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning the Monponsett ponds located in the town of Halifax (House, No. 5026).

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. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, on a petition, a Bill providing for the protection and care of certain children (House, No. 3343).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to abandonment of children (House, No. 4607).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing safe havens for certain new born infants (House, No. 4980).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4927, a Bill relative to the Governor's Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Disease (House, No. 5027).

By Mr. Toomey of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Safety, on the residue of House, No.

4582, a Bill relative to establishing a distinctive registration plate process (House, No. 5028).

By Mr. Hall of Westford, for the committee on State Administration, on House, No. 4995, a Bill for the protection of natural resources and authorizing the Fire District Number Two in the town of South Hadley to convey certain parcels of land to the Department of Environmental Management for conservation purposes (House, No. 5029).

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

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, that the recommitted Bill clarifying restrictive covenants (House, No. 2532) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Ms. Stanley of West Newbury, for the committee on Health Care, on a petition, a Bill relative to the donation of bone marrow by certain minors (House, No. 4970).

By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, for the committee on Insurance, on a recommitted petition, a Bill to clarify the inclusion of guaranteed products issued out of life insurance company separate accounts (printed as Senate, No. 746).

By Mr. Hall of Westford, for the committee on State Administration, on a petition, a Bill providing that a memorial be erected on the USS Massachusetts to honor those individuals from the Commonwealth who were victims of the September 11, 2001 attack on America (House, No. 4974).

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

*Quorum.*

Mr. Marini of Hanson asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was in attendance.

A quorum not being present, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Rodrigues of Westport (Mr. Casey of Winchester being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at two o'clock P.M.