

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, April 23, 2001.

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

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Gracious God, we begin this legislative week by professing our belief and trust in You and by admitting our need for Your guidance and assistance. Inspire us to respond to You and to the blessings which You freely offer to us in a positive manner. As members of the one human family, Your family, help us to promote those causes, ideals and projects which enhance human dignity, the common good and our basic institutions which are the foundation of our society. By our commitment to excellence in government, high ideals and personal responsibility for personal decisions and choices, may we continue to build more prosperous, peaceful and civil communities.

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

At the request of the Speaker, 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 increasing the earned income tax credit (House, No. 4121) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, April 17.

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.

Appointments to a Special Task Force.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Representatives Greene of Billerica and Rodrigues of Westport (pursuant to Executive Order No. 413) to serve on the State Workforce Investment Board.

Resolutions.

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

committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Brown of Wrentham and Linsky of Natick) congratulating Catherine L. Morse on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Greene of Billerica) in remembrance of the Armenian Genocide;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Ruth C. Johnson on the occasion of her retirement;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Matthew Linehan on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. O'Brien of Kingston and deMacedo of Plymouth) congratulating Timothy McKenney on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Paulsen of Belmont) congratulating Keith J. Joyce on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Timilty of Milton) on the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Atherton Street Fire Station;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Timilty of Milton) congratulating Walter E. Weibrecht on the occasion of his retirement;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Travis of Rehoboth) congratulating Kyle Marvin Fox on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Travis of Rehoboth) congratulating Corey McConnell on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Travis of Rehoboth) congratulating Jeffrey Partridge on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Travis of Rehoboth) congratulating Matthew Thomas on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Walrath of Stow) congratulating John Wood on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

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

Mrs. Harkins of Needham, 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. Linsky, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be

correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Donato of Medford, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul J. Donato relative to certain roadways in the city of Melrose and the town of Stoneham under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan District Commission.

By Ms. Flavin of Easthampton, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nancy Flavin and Harriette L. Chandler relative to insurance carriers.

By Mr. Vallee of Franklin (by request), petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Laurence Brown and another relative to abuse prevention orders.

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

Papers from the Senate.

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 in the Commonwealth, severally were read for the information of the House, as follows:

Of the Bristol County Pre-Release Center in the town of Dartmouth; and

Of the M.C.I. Shirley Minimum Facility, in the town of Shirley;

Severally returned to the Senate to be placed on file.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill establishing a capital investment fund in the town of Blackstone (Senate, No. 1026) [Local Approval Received] be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

By Mr. Cahill of Beverly, for the committee on Housing and Urban Development, on House,

No. 2530, a Bill providing for notification of certain tenants (House, No. 4122).

Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Long-Term Debt and Capital Expenditures, on House, No. 4073, reported, in part, a Bill relative to the Springfield Civic and Convention Center (House, No. 4124) [Special Obligation Debt: \$17,500,000.00].

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

By Mrs. Parente of Milford, for the committee on Local Affairs, that the following recommitted bills ought to pass:

Senate bills

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]; and

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

House bills

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];

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

By Mr. Tobin of Quincy, for the committee on Criminal Justice, on House, Nos. 3501 and 3911, a Bill creating the crime of criminal solicitation (House, No. 3501).

By Mr. Cahill of Beverly, for the committee on Housing and Urban Development, on House, Nos. 2702, 3324 and 3325, a Bill to enhance safety in public housing (House, No. 4123).

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill relative to an election to fill a vacancy in the board of selectmen of the

town of Walpole (see House bill printed in House, No. 4110) (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 (more than two-thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same); and it was signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Miceli of Wilmington moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding sitting, passed to be engrossed the House Bill authorizing the Commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Tewksbury (House, No. 4111); and the motion to reconsider was considered forthwith and it prevailed.

Pending the recurring question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the same member moved that it be amended in section 7, in lines 14 to 19, inclusive, by striking out the sentence contained therein and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— “As an additional condition of said conveyance, the majority of the board of trustees of the Tewksbury hospital then sitting, the executive director of said hospital and the commissioner of the department of public health shall confirm in writing two weeks prior to conveyance that the parcel described in section 3 is needed to protect the aquifer and water supply for said Tewksbury hospital.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4111, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to the regulation of hours of operation for common victualler licenses (House, No. 1754); and

Authorizing the town of Ashby to grant certain easements (House, No. 4015);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Connolly of Everett,—

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

At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrios of Cambridge, the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.