

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, May 20, 2002.

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

God, Our Creator, we depend upon Your assistance and guidance as we propose relevant, appropriate and realistic legislation and programs which are suitable for today's world of change and possible terrorist activities. In crafting legislation for these difficult times, let our hearts remain sensitive to people's needs, our minds receptive to the suggestions of colleagues and constituents and our wills committed to just, ethical and reasonable goals. Inspire us to be thoughtful and faithful to our religious beliefs and values as we work together to build a prosperous and peaceful society.

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

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

Petitions.

Mr. Nyman of Hanover presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5075) of Robert J. Nyman and Michael W. Morrissey (by vote of the town) relative to validating the acts and proceedings at a special town meeting in Rockland; 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 Mr. Brown of Wrentham, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Scott P. Brown relative to requiring that a civil service examination be held for the position of assistant deputy superintendent in the Department of

Correction.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Scott P. Brown, David Paul Linsky and others relative to the removal and relocation of utility poles.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Scott P. Brown relative to the diagnosis, prevention, management and treatment of glaucoma.

By Mr. Donnelly of Boston, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David T. Donnelly relative to the penalties for leaving the scene of an accident after causing serious bodily injury.

By Mr. Fennell of Lynn, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert F. Fennell and Thomas M. McGee relative to the appointment of certain persons as uniformed members of the State Police, notwithstanding the maximum age requirements.

By Mrs. Paulsen of Belmont (by request), petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robyn Larsen for the annual issuance of a proclamation by the Governor setting apart the second Monday in August as Firefighter's Day.

By Mrs. Simmons of Leominster, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mary Jane Simmons and Robert A. Antonioni relative to the repair of Malburn Street in the city of Leominster.

By Mr. Vallee of Franklin (by request), petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Laurence Brown for legislation to prohibit orders for suspension or surrender of firearms and firearms licenses in abuse prevention orders.

By the same member (by request), petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Laurence Brown relative to the penalties for crimes committed while armed with a dangerous weapon.

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

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mrs. Hahn of Westfield) congratulating Kenneth Flechsig on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mrs. Harkins of Needham, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ruane of Salem, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Arlington to use a certain parcel of park land for public way purposes (Senate, No. 2023) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to the enhanced emergency telephone system in the town of Braintree (Senate, No. 2153, amended in section 1 by adding at the end thereof the following 4 sentences: “The emergency 911 communications shall be monitored at a secure location within the fire department headquarters staffed at all times by fire department personnel fully trained in such monitoring. The emergency 911 communications shall be monitored in a manner that prevents any broadcast of them to the general public. The secure location used for monitoring emergency 911 communications shall be restricted to trained fire department personnel when such communications are being monitored. No such modification or change in the town’s telephone company equipment or enhanced 911 system shall cause any degradation of the state’s 911 system.” (on House, No. 4461) [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 Local Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2324) of Susan C. Fargo and Jay R. Kaufman (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Lincoln to grant real estate tax rebates to certain property owners; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2325) of Robert A.

O'Leary and Shirley Gomes (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to property tax exemptions for rental properties in the town of Provincetown used as affordable housing;

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

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

A report of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to an inspection of the Essex County Correctional Facility in the town of Middleton, was spread upon the records of the House; and returned 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 ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Wolf of Cambridge, (Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea being in the Chair) the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.