

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, May 24, 2001.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Bosley of North Adams 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 and Merciful God, upon Whom we depend for guidance and courage, teach us to recognize Your presence in our midst at this and every moment throughout the day. May we remain open to Your assistance as we address the legislative issues of the day. In legislative and personal matters, grant us the vision and the integrity to do what is honorable, right and acceptable in Your sight. In celebrating Memorial Day on Monday, a national holiday, we remember with gratitude the sacrifices of the men and women who died in our nation's conflicts and wars. As a people, we are grateful to them for the political, religious and intellectual freedoms which we enjoy as citizens of this country. May we keep them and our deceased family members in our minds and prayers each day of 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. Bosley), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Bosley of North Adams) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair, there being no objection; and introduced the Roxbury Community College "Tigers" basketball team, accompanied by Head Coach Malcolm Wynn and Assistant Coach John Jackson. The National Championship team, with a record of 31 wins and 1 loss, were the guests of Representatives Fox of Boston and Honan of Boston.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Ayers of Quincy) congratulating Doctor Diane Willard on the occasion of her retirement, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

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

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Hall of Westford, for the committee on State Administration, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 357) of Brian Knuuttila, Robert A. Antonioni, Emile J. Goguen and others for legislation to designate blue, green and cranberry as the official colors of the Commonwealth;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 729) of Bruce J. Ayers that the Auditor of the Commonwealth be authorized to implement evaluation programs for certain state agencies;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1304) of Susan W. Pope and other members of the House for legislation to designate the number “6” as the official number of the Commonwealth;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1686) of Marie J. Parente, Anthony J. Verga and Kevin G. Honan that the Department of the State Auditor be authorized to conduct audits of certain municipal and county accounts; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3631) of Theodore C. Speliotis relative to liability of costs to the Commonwealth and its departments involving certain construction at Danvers State Hospital;

And recommending that the same severally 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 committee.

By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill relative to the practice of public accountancy (Senate, No. 369) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

By Mr. Quinn of Dartmouth, for the committee on Banks and Banking, on House, Nos. 8 and 12, a Bill relative to debt collection and loan servicing agencies subject to regulation by the Division of Banks (House, No. 12).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 8 and 13, a Bill establishing uniform enforcement provisions and making other changes applicable to certain licensees under the jurisdiction of the Division of Banks (House, No. 13).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 8 and 18, a Bill eliminating

the collection and dissemination of certain reports by the Division of Banks (House, No. 18).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 8 and 19, a Bill relative to certain actions by and transactions before the Board of Bank Incorporation and the Commissioner of Banks (House, No. 19).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 8 and 21, a Bill relative to the examinations of and certain application documents filed by licensees of the Division of Banks (House, No. 21).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 8 and 24, a Bill relative to the implementation of certain banking laws (House, No. 24).

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, for the committee on Government Regulations, on a petition, a Bill to ensure appropriate funding for certain telecommunications programs within the Commonwealth (House, No. 1751).

By Mr. Donnelly of Boston, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill relative to clerks, assistant clerks, and assistant registers (House, No. 1988).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the vacation, sick and personal accrual of clerk magistrates (House, No. 2557, changed in line 4 by inserting after the word "appointed" the following: "since January 1, 2001"; and in line 5 by inserting after the word "continuously" the following: ", including approved leaves of absence,").

By Mr. Hall of Westford, for the committee on State Administration, on a petition, a Bill relative to the imposition of parking fees upon state employees at institutions of higher education (House, No. 537).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the enhanced disposition of surplus motor vehicles owned by the Commonwealth or authorities established by the State (House, No. 728).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill expanding the authority of the Bureau of Special Investigations (House, No. 1119).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to establishing the Alice G. Winn Trust Fund (House, No. 3430).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the conveyance of certain property in the city of Boston (House, No. 3630).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Danvers State Hospital (House, No. 3632).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the

town of Danvers (House, No. 3633).

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

By Mr. Quinn of Dartmouth, for the committee on Banks and Banking, on House, Nos. 8 and 17, a Bill relative to the annual report to the Legislature on the banking industry by the Commissioner of Banks (House, No. 17).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying certain interests in bankruptcy proceedings (House, No. 576).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to corporate governance (House, No. 1340).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 395, a Bill relative to lending limits of state-chartered banks (House, No. 4173).

By Mr. Hall of Westford, for the committee on State Administration, on House, Nos. 8 and 47, a Bill regarding investigations conducted by the Division of Professional Licensure (House, No. 47).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 189 and 190, a Bill regarding the transfer of Bureau of Special Investigations-technical changes (House, No. 190).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for the placement and display of a Johnny Appleseed statue (House, No. 1124).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the promotion of charitable giving in the Commonwealth (House, No. 2984).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2424, a Bill authorizing the town of Plymouth to lease certain land (House, No. 4174).

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

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill relative to the enforcement of the safety belt law (Senate, No. 1211) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following matters be scheduled for consideration by the House:

House bills

Relative to compensated absences in cities and towns (House, No. 1623);

Creating the crime of criminal solicitation (House, No. 3501); and

Authorizing the city of New Bedford to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4053) [Local Approval Received];

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

By Mr. Quinn of Dartmouth, for the committee on Banks and Banking, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 396) of Philip Travis for legislation to further regulate the transmission of money.

By the same member, for the same committee, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1149) of James E. Vallee and Angelo M. Scaccia relative to the total of borrower liability on obligations to stock corporations or thrift institutions.

By the same member, for the same committee, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2646) of Christopher J. Hodgkins, Thomas P. Kennedy, Mary Jane Simmons and Martin J. Walsh that credit cards issued in the Commonwealth be required to contain the maximum rate of interest on such cards.

By the same member, for the same committee, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3240) of Peter J. Larkin and Brian Paul Golden relative to the maximum rate of interest to be charged on credit cards.

By the same member, for the same committee, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3242) of Thomas J. O'Brien, Bruce E. Tarr and Benjamin Swan for legislation to further regulate retail installment sales of motor vehicles.

By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, for the committee on Insurance, ought NOT to pass, on so much of the recommendations of the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation (House, No. 8) as relates to the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene (accompanied by bill, House, No. 40).

By the same member, for the same committee, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 628) of Bruce J. Ayers for legislation to regulate personal injury protection to operators of uninsured motor vehicles.

By the same member, for the same committee, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3942) of Brian M. Cresta and Richard R. Tisei relative to prescription drug coverage under certain insurance policies.

By Mr. Toomey of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Safety, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 860) of John A. Hart, Jr., and Stephen F.

Lynch for legislation to prohibit the issuance of drivers' licenses to persons with poor school attendance and school dropouts.

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

Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for said committee, reported that the matters be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, they were placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question, in each instance, being on acceptance.

Reconsideration.

Ms. Balser of Newton moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding sitting, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the Senate Bill allowing victims of violent crimes to testify at Parole Board hearings (Senate, No. 1844).

Under Rule 54, the motion to reconsider was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Hanover to pay a certain bill (House, No. 3959);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Michael McCorquodale, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4094) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Relative to the appointment of firefighters in the city of Boston (House, No. 4137) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee 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. Marzilli of Arlington,—

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

At twenty-eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Ms. Jehlen of Somerville (Mr. Bosley of North Adams being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

