

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, May 30, 2002.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Hynes of Marshfield 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, in a spirit of faith and humility, we open our hearts and our minds to You and to Your always available spiritual assistance. In Your goodness, help us to grow in wisdom and compassion as we try to meet the reasonable legislative expectations of the electorate and the daily needs of our communities. Inspire us to use all the intellectual and spiritual talents and gifts, which we have received from You, Our Creator, in a prudent and thoughtful manner. Since You are the Ultimate Source of Truth, teach us to seek and speak the truth as we live our daily lives and address our responsibilities.

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

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

### *Resignation of Representative David T. Donnelly of Boston.*

The following communication, received by the Clerk from the office of the Speaker of the House on Wednesday, May 29, was read for the information of the House; and placed on file.

May 29, 2002.

Speaker Thomas M. Finneran  
State House, Room 356  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Speaker Finneran:

Please accept my resignation from service to the House of Representatives effective May 30, 2002. I leave the House to assume my duties as an Associate Justice of the District Court, Waltham Division. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the people of the Tenth Suffolk District in this historic institution.

Very truly yours,  
DAVID T. DONNELLY,  
*State Representative,  
Tenth Suffolk District.*

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Barrios of Cambridge) congratulating Child Care Resource Center, Inc., on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of its founding;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Koczera of New Bedford) congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gonet on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Stanley of West Newbury) congratulating Police Chief Richard F. "Dick" Spencer on the occasion of his retirement;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Teahan of Whitman) congratulating Charles Francis Pace on the occasion of his retirement; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Wagner of Chicopee) congratulating Chicopee Fire Chief Robert J. Nunes on the occasion of his retirement;

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 Ms. Story of Amherst, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Paper from the Senate.*

A petition of Susan C. Tucker, David M. Torrisi, Jose L. Santiago and Barry R. Finegold for legislation to designate the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority Transportation Center/Lawrence as the Senator Patricia McGovern Transportation Center, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Transportation.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2359) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Transportation.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of William C. Galvin, Brian A. Joyce and Marian Walsh (by vote of the town) that the town of Canton be authorized to grant an easement to the town of Stoughton for water supply purposes. To the committee on Local Affairs.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul J. P. Loscocco, Marie J. Parente and Karen Spilka relative to establishing the Massachusetts Turnpike Toll Equity Fund;

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and Jo Ann Sprague relative to designating a certain bridge in the town of North Attleborough as the Women War Veterans of North Attleborough Memorial Bridge; and

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Mary Jane Simmons and Robert A. Antonioni relative to the repair of Malburn Street in the city of Leominster;

Severally to the committee on Transportation.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Story of Amherst, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 2038, a Bill including employees of the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission in the group insurance plan (House, No. 5107). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill facilitating the use of land transfer of development rights (Senate, No. 1011) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

The Senate Bill relative to fraudulent insurance claims (Senate, No. 2096), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

House bills

Relative to historic resources in the Community Preservation Act (printed as Senate, No. 2343);

Relative to the testing by homeowners for urea formaldehyde foam insulation (House, No. 3307); and

Relative to the police department of the town of Milford (House, No. 4987);

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. Finneran of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at one o'clock P.M.

At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Hynes of Marshfield being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at one o'clock P.M., in an Informal Session.