

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, May 31, 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:

Eternal God, we take a moment from this day's routine, to recognize You, as our Creator and in a spirit of humility to ask for Your guidance and direction in legislative and personal matters. We believe that Your assistance enables us to select and to make honorable, fair and ethical legislative and personal decisions. We depend upon You to strengthen our resolve to promote, protect and preserve the best interests of the people and of our society in this changing world and culture. Let our trust in You increase everyday as we strive to strengthen the trust of the electorate in our good faith and judgements and in our basic institutions. With Your help may we face the future with confidence and hope in Your protection.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and 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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable) congratulating the Fraternal Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in Hyannis on its 200th anniversary;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Blumer of Framingham) congratulating Police Chief Brent B. Larrabee on the occasion of his retirement from the Framingham Police Department;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Candaras of Wilbraham) congratulating Jane Leone on the occasion of her retirement;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Casey of Winchester) congratulating Marilyn Harrington on the occasion of her retirement;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Creedon of Brockton) congratulating John P. Giannakoulis on the occasion of his retirement;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Koczera of New Bedford) congratulating Leonard Rivet on the occasion of his retirement;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Koczera of New Bedford) congratulating Roberta Rivet on the occasion of her retirement;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kujawski of Webster) on the occasion of the dedication of the portrait of Edward J. Lee in the Uxbridge Courthouse;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kulik of Worthington) commending Thomas Ricardi for his 39 years of service to wildlife and environmental law enforcement in the Commonwealth;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Milton E. Gilbert on being chosen Senior Man of the Year;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Arlene Mills on being chosen as Natick Senior Woman of the Year;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough and Lepper of Attleboro) congratulating the Attleboro Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution on their centennial celebration; and

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Timilty of Milton and other members of the House) congratulating Wilfrid Joseph Savoie;

Mr. DiMasi of Boston, 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 Koczera, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission submitting its annual report for the year ending December 31, 2000; and

From Wonderland Greyhound Park, Inc. (under the provisions of Paragraph 7 of Section 2 of Chapter 128C of the General Laws) submitting copies of contracts for the simulcasting of dog races;

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4181) of Patricia A. Walrath and Robert A. Antonioni (by vote of the town) that the town of Lancaster be authorized to place certain questions regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages on the town's election ballot. To the committee on Election Laws.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4182) of Patricia A. Walrath and Robert A. Antonioni (by vote of the town) that the town Lancaster be authorized to lease certain lands. To the committee on Local Affairs.

By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4183) of Garrett J. Bradley, Robert L. Hedlund and others (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Hingham to establish a retiree health care liability trust fund. To the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel E. Bosley relative to authorizing certain minors to operate golf carts in the course of employment.

By Mr. Carron of Southbridge, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mark J. Carron and other members of the House for legislation to prohibit retail stores from opening on Memorial Day.

By Mr. Correia of Fall River, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert Correia, Joan M. Menard, Michael J. Rodrigues and David B. Sullivan relative to designating the city of Fall River as the scholarship city.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert Correia, Joan M. Menard, Michael J. Rodrigues and David B. Sullivan relative to establishing a fund to be known as the dollars for scholars community scholarship fund.

By Mr. Fagan of Taunton, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James H. Fagan and other members of the House relative to the rights of non-biological parents ordered to pay child support.

By Ms. Flavin of Easthampton, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nancy Flavin and Stanley C. Rosenberg relative to retirement benefits for teachers.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kay Khan relative to granting creditable service to certain teachers in the city of Newton.

By Mr. Knuuttila of Gardner, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian Knuuttila, Robert A. Antonioni, Emile J. Goguen and Mary Jane Simmons relative to emergency medical care.

By Mrs. Parente of Milford, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marie J. Parente relative to parking clerks.

By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Vincent A. Pedone relative to pension benefits for persons returning to public service.

By Mr. Peterson of Grafton, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of George N. Peterson, Jr., and Guy W. Glodis (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Grafton to convey a certain parcel of land to Brian Fitzgerald, notwithstanding provisions of the uniform procurement law.

By Mrs. Pope of Wayland, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Susan W. Pope and other members of the House relative to the penalties for the crime of cruelty to animals.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Susan W. Pope and other members of the House relative to the regulation of telemarketing solicitation by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy.

By Miss Reinstein of Revere, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kathi-Anne Reinstein and Robert A. DeLeo relative to including certain land acquisition costs in the calculation of facilities grants under the school building assistance program.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kathi-Anne Reinstein and Robert A. DeLeo relative to reimbursing cities, towns and school districts for the costs of acquiring land under the school building assistance program.

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Martin J. Walsh for legislation pertaining to fair and responsible contracting practices at the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia A. Walrath and Pamela P. Resor for legislation to authorize the Teacher's Retirement Board to grant certain creditable service to Ethel de Bakker.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia A. Walrath and Pamela P. Resor relative to granting creditable service to teachers for certain service outside of the Commonwealth.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1872) of Robert L. Hedlund (by vote of the town) for legislation to allow Cohasset water commissioners to serve in other town offices, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Local Affairs.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Cahill of Beverly, for the committee on Housing and Urban Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to expediting state and federal funding (House, No. 3936) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Wagner of Chicopee, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill relative to the town of Nantucket (House, No. 3525) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, for the committee on Insurance, on a petition, a Bill relative to fire insurance (House, No. 2348).

By Mrs. Parente of Milford, for the committee on Local Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain agricultural provisions of the zoning enabling act (House, No. 1245).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for a certain fund in cities and towns (House, No. 2757).

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

Order.

On motion of Mr. Travis of Rehoboth,—

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