

## **JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**

Monday, June 10, 2002.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Correia of Fall River 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, in Your kindness, You have brought us to the light of a new beautiful June day, with many new opportunities to serve You and constituents. Inspire us to deepen our trust in You and in the varied ways which You have made known to us for achieving happiness, peace and purpose. Blessed with Your assistance and direction, Your gift of wisdom, guide us in selecting the best practical and ethical options which are available to us in these difficult times. Help us to meet the reasonable expectations of the people who put their confidence in our best judgements.

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

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Correia), 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 Ms. Donovan of Woburn) congratulating Kristen O'Melia; and

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Teahan of Whitman) congratulating Ellen A. Callanan on her eighty-second birthday;

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

### *Communication.*

A communication from Wonderland Greyhound Park (under Section 2 of Chapter 128C of the General Laws) submitting copies of contracts for the simulcasting of dog races, was placed on

file.

*Bi-Monthly Report.*

The bi-monthly report of the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (under Section 178 of Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1989) submitting an account of the costs incurred with connection with the depression of the Central Artery and construction of the Ted Williams Tunnel, was placed on file.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Hall of Westford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5130) of Geoffrey D. Hall and Steven C. Panagiotakos (by vote of the town) that the licensing authority of the town of Westford be authorized to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises to Westford Convenience Store. To the committee on Government Regulations.

By Mr. Kafka of Sharon, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5131) of Louis L. Kafka and Jo Ann Sprague (by vote of the town) that the board of selectmen of the town of Sharon be authorized to transfer a certain parcel of land for use as a senior center or recreational facilities. To the committee on Local Affairs.

By Mr. Hall of Westford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5132) of Geoffrey D. Hall and Steven C. Panagiotakos (by vote of the town) that the town of Westford be authorized to provide property tax relief to certain senior citizens of said town. To the committee on Taxation.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Bradley of Hingham (by request), petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul Kierney for legislation to prohibit soda or soft drink vending machines in public school buildings or charter school buildings.

By Mr. Caron of Springfield, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul E. Caron and other members of the General Court relative to the appointment of certain persons as uniformed members of the State Police, notwithstanding the maximum age requirements.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul E. Caron, Daniel F. Keenan,

Byron Rushing and Frank I. Smizik for legislation to delay implementation of the Department of Revenue's Directive 02-2, so-called, relative to discounts on retail sales of cigarettes.

By Mr. Finegold of Andover, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Barry R. Finegold and Richard T. Moore relative to the reporting of patient abuse to local police department and patients' families.

By Ms. Flavin of Easthampton, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nancy Flavin and Stanley C. Rosenberg (by vote of the town) that the housing authority of the town of South Hadley be authorized to retain the balance of money from the sale of certain property in said town.

By Mr. Lepper of Attleboro, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John A. Lepper, Cheryl A. Jacques, Elizabeth Poirier and Jo Ann Sprague (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to amending the charter of the city of Attleboro concerning elections.

By Mr. Miceli of Wilmington, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James R. Miceli relative to the early retirement program for certain municipal employees.

By Mrs. Parente of Milford, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marie J. Parente and Richard T. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the certification of Alcino Fernandes for appointment as a police officer in the town of Milford, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement.

By Ms. Spilka of Ashland, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Karen Spilka and Deborah D. Blumer relative to continuing a certain appropriation for the Tercentennial Park, so-called, in the town of Framingham.

By Mr. Turkington of Falmouth, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Eric Turkington and Robert A. O'Leary for legislation to authorize affordable housing covenants on Martha's Vineyard.

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

*Papers from the Senate.*

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2361) of Bruce E. Tarr and Bradford Hill (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the conservation commission of the town of Ipswich to convey an easement in said town, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Local Affairs.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2362) of Steven A. Tolman and Ruth B. Balser for legislation to authorize the commissioner of the Metropolitan District Commission to lease

certain land in the city of Newton. To the committee on Housing and Urban Development.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2363) of Paul E. Dubois and Jo Ann Sprague for legislation relative to a retirement buy back from the state board of retirement for Paul E. Dubois. To the committee on Public Service.

Notice was received that the Senate Minority Leader had announced the appointment of Senator Tarr of the First Essex and Middlesex District to the special commission established (pursuant to section 76 of chapter 177 of the Acts of 2001) to investigate and study services and supports for adults with autistic spectrum disorders.

### *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 Anne M. Paulsen and Stephen A. Tolman that the Metropolitan District Commission be authorized to lease a certain parcel of land in the town of Belmont to Belmont Hill Schools, Inc. To the committee on Housing and Urban Development.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of John J. Binienda that the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to grant certain easements in the town of North Andover; and

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Eugene L. O'Flaherty relative to authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey an easement in certain park land in the City of Chelsea;

Severally to the committee on State Administration.

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

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill providing for certain information technology improvements (Senate, No. 2256) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 32A, to the committee on Long-Term Debt and Capital Expenditures.

Mrs. Parente of Milford, for said committee, then reported that the bill ought to pass. {General Obligation Bond: \$300,000,000.00}. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Hall of Westford, for the committee on State Administration, on House, No. 2619, a Bill to ensure health and safety on public construction projects (House, No. 5129). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the issuance of pension funding bonds by the city of Springfield (House, No. 4419) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

### *Engrossed Bills.*

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Designating a visitor information center in the city of Springfield as the William C. Sullivan Visitor Information Center (see Senate, No. 2267) (which originated in the Senate);

Authorizing the town of Winchester to establish a retiree healthcare liability trust fund (see House bill printed as Senate, No. 2191); and

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

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

### *Orders of the Day.*

#### House bills

Relative to community residency assuring fairness for clients of the Department of Mental Health residential programs (House, No. 3741, changed and amended); and

Authorizing the town of Shrewsbury to establish certain special funds (House, No. 4940);

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 tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Correia of Fall River being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.