

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, July 26, 2001.

Met according to adjournment, at seven minutes after 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:

Holy Spirit of God, we depend upon You, Your guidance and inspiration as we address our personal and the legislative issues of this day. As elected officials, we pray for an accurate understanding of today's needs and a clear vision of the future in our efforts to build a peaceful, civil and prosperous tomorrow. Save us from frustration and disheartenment when our own proposals and suggestions are not accepted. Help us to remain committed to those principles, values and legislative proposals which we consider fair, honorable, just and beneficial for the people.

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.

Communication.

A communication 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, was placed on file.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of Richard T. Moore, Mark C. Montigny, Frederick E. Berry, Peter J. Koutoujian, Therese Murray, Harriette L. Chandler and other members of the General Court for legislation to require certain health care professionals to file prescription ethics and responsibility confirmation statements, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Health Care.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2082) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Health Care.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning active and retired public employees (House, No. 4312) reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4027) of Michael F. Kane and Michael R. Knapik (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the retirement board of the city of Holyoke be directed to retire John Daly, a fire fighter of said city, for injuries sustained in the line of duty,— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Public Service. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Broadhurst of Methuen, for the committee on Science and Technology, that the Bill relative to electronic communication with shareholders (Senate, No. 1792, changed) ought to pass with an amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4400. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendment pending.

Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Tirone of Amesbury, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Science and Technology was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 1792, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the city of Medford to grant certain licenses (Senate, No. 1898) [Local Approval Received] be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education, Arts and Humanities to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning education reform and other related matters (House, No. 4315) reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 417) of Carol C. Cleven and other members of

the General Court for legislation to provide for the Massachusetts Education Financing Authority to establish a loan/loan-forgiveness program for certain nursing students;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1350) of Paul E. Caron, Christopher P. Asselin and Michael F. Kane relative to cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid training for teachers and school personnel;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1928) of Robert F. Fennell, Emile J. Goguen, Thomas M. McGee, Martin J. Walsh, Carol A. Donovan and Kathi-Anne Reinstein relative to the certification of certain persons in cardiopulmonary resuscitation in the public schools;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2297) of Carol A. Donovan, other members of the General Court and another relative to criminal offender record information of taxicab employees transporting pupils;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2869) of Colleen M. Garry and Steven A. Tolman relative to sports safety training certification for certain school athletic activities coaches; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3506) of Paul E. Caron for legislation to require all students enrolled in the eighth grade of the Commonwealth's public schools to be given instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the Heimlich maneuver;

And recommending that the same severally be recommitted to the committee on Education, Arts and Humanities.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, for the committee on Insurance, on Senate, Nos. 729, 746, 748, 763, 787 and 803 and House, Nos. 285, 286, 287, 467, 468, 469, 627, 1038, 1208, 1598, 1600, 1772, 2194, 2357, 2359, 2536, 2544, 2718, 2922, 3120, 3122, 3350, 3356 and 3552, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Insurance to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning the requirements and coverage for life, health, motor vehicle and homeowners insurance (House, No. 4406).

By the same member, for the same committee on Senate, Nos. 733, 736, 738, 740, 747, 754, 758, 782, 784 and 1151 and House, Nos. 173, 175, 289, 464, 629, 631, 1036, 1037, 1417, 1419, 1421, 1422, 1782, 1791, 1963, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1972, 1973, 2367, 2716, 2717, 2719, 2721, 2926, 2927, 3548, 3556, 3744, 3745, 3747, 3751, 3754, 3940 and 3946, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Insurance to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning reforms of the motor vehicle insurance industry (House, No. 4407).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Larkin of Pittsfield, for the committee on Education, Arts and Humanities, on House, Nos. 794 and 1359, a Bill relative to a code of conduct for school athletic programs (House, No. 4408).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1360 and 2872, a Bill relative to dissection choice (House, No. 4409).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3521, a Bill relative to the budget of the Up-Island Regional School District of Martha's Vineyard (House, No. 4410).

By Ms. Stanley of West Newbury, for the committee on Health Care, on Senate, No. 489 and House, No. 3307, a Bill relative to the testing by homeowners for urea formaldehyde foam insulation (House, No. 3307).

By Mr. Donnelly of Boston, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill relative to the licensure of court reporters (House, No. 1059).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the appointment of a guardian ad litem to institute contempt proceedings involving the care, custody or maintenance of minor children (House, No. 1798).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the appointment of a guardian ad litem to investigate the facts of any proceeding involving the care, custody or maintenance of minor children and domestic relations matters (House, No. 1813).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 839 and House, No. 1987, a Bill relative to the salaries of the justices of the Trial Court (House, No. 1987).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the sale of research papers, etc. (House, No. 1992).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to membership of the Criminal Justice Committee (House, No. 2738).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to providing for audio-visual appearance by persons confined to a correctional facility (House, No. 3564).

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

By Mr. Wagner of Chicopee, for the committee on Election Laws, that the recommitted Bill relative to municipal elections (House, No. 4131) ought to pass with an amendment in line 3 by striking out the words “No city or town” and inserting in place thereof the following “No public employer as defined in Chapter 150E”. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendment pending.

By Mr. Larkin of Pittsfield, for the committee on Education, Arts and Humanities, on a recommitted petition, a Bill concerning the orientation of school committee members (House, No. 783, changed in line 4 by striking out the word “six” and inserting in place thereof the figure: “8”, and in line 7 by inserting after the words “interest law” the words “, special education law, collective bargaining, school leadership standards and evaluations”).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3072, a Bill relative to the use of asthma inhalers by students in public schools (House, No. 4411).

By Mr. Wagner of Chicopee, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Newbury (House, No. 4288, changed in section 1, in line 5, by striking out the words “oath, exercising” and inserting in place thereof the words “oath. Exercising”; and in section 3, in line 7, by striking out the following: “65 nor more than 90” and inserting in place thereof the following: “70 nor more than 95”) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, for the committee on Government Regulations, on a petition, a Bill relative to a certain alcoholic beverage license in the town of Westborough (House, No. 4143) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Donnelly of Boston, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, Nos. 71 and 73, a Bill to protect the rights of persons subject to guardianship proceedings (House, No. 73).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the prevention of cruelty to children and animals (House, No. 1437).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to contracts for minors (House, No. 1990).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill protecting beneficiaries of structured settlements (House, No. 2375).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to parking fines (House, No. 2566).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the warrant management system (House, No. 2731).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to further amend Chapter 123 and change the four-day hearing requirement for certain petitions (House, No. 3359).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to prohibiting court ordered visitation rights to certain persons (House, No. 3565).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the availability of certain criminal records to law enforcement agencies (House, No. 3566).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to jury exemptions for parents of children under the age of two years (House, No. 3567).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to prevent animal fighting (House, No. 3572).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2565, a Bill relative to the descent and distribution of property (House, No. 4412).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2727 and 3759, a Bill relative to court advisement (House, No. 4413).

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

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2001 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4266), 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. 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 eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty-three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Rushing of Boston (Mr. Bosley of North Adams being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

