

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.
Monday, August 5, 2002.

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 pause for a moment of prayer and reflection as we turn our thoughts and attention to You, Our Creator. We often forget to think about You and the spiritual realities because of our daily pressing responsibilities and our preoccupation with our obligations. Teach us to keep our total priorities in proper perspective and in good order. Inspire us to be fully aware of our privilege to be co-workers with You in addressing the needs of people, our communities, and in building a civil, ethical and compassionate society.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members 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 Representatives Barrios of Cambridge and Wolf of Cambridge) honoring Tad Sudnick on the occasion of his retirement;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Nyman of Hanover) congratulating Mr. and Mrs. William B. Migre on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Wagner of Chicopee) congratulating Superintendent Barbara A. Cove on the occasion of her retirement;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Walrath of Stow) congratulating Barrett E. Amos on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Walrath of Stow) congratulating Mitchell S. Samson on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Walrath of Stow) congratulating Alexander D. Welch on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Mr. Scaccia 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

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

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Relative to the creditable service of certain employees of educational collaboratives (Senate, No. 2415) (on House, No. 4862);

Providing for the transfer and preservation of certain interests in land held for natural resource purposes of the abolished counties (Senate, No. 2425, changed by striking out section 1) (on a petition);

Protecting patient access to Medicaid pharmacy services (Senate, No. 2457, amended in section 2, in clauses (4) and (5), by striking out the following: “drugs; and (5)” and inserting in place thereof the following: “drugs including any special contractual relationships or agreements with drug manufactures or distributors; and (5)”) (on House bill No. 2169);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill relative to the Brockton 21st Century Corporation (printed in Senate, No. 4) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

By Mr. Rogers of Norwood, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill directing the state board of retirement to pay a certain retirement benefit to the surviving spouse of State Trooper Michael Brugman (Senate, No. 1374, changed and amended) 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.

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

By Mr. Rogers of Norwood, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill clarifying that the minimum wage law applies to governmental employers (Senate, No. 2075) 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.

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

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the eligibility of Robert Better for death and disability benefits under the cancer law (House, No. 5206). Read; and 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.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Reconsideration.

Mr. Caron of Springfield asked unanimous consent to reconsider the vote by which the House, on Thursday, July 18, 2002, adopted an order (filed by him) relative to providing for the establishment of a special committee of the House for the purpose of making an investigation of the impact of the proposed increase in the price of cigarettes and other related matters (House, No. 5262), and the motion to reconsider was entertained; and it prevailed.

Pending the recurring question on adoption of the order, the same member moved that it be amended in the second paragraph by striking out the words “; one of whom shall be the Chairman of the committee on Government Regulations; and one of whom shall be the Chairman of the committee on Taxation”.

The amendment was adopted; and the order (House, No. 5262, amended) also was adopted.

The Speaker then appointed Representatives Caron, Garry of Dracut, Broadhurst of Methuen, Fresolo of Worcester, Kujawski of Webster, Hill of Ipswich and Coppola of Foxborough as the membership of the special committee.

Engrossed Bills.

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Authorizing an alternative method of construction for the Blue Hills and Spot Pond area covered water storage tanks (see House, No. 4816, amended); and

Relative to the terms of certain bonds issued by the Commonwealth (see House, No. 5198);

(Which severally originated in the House);

In respect to each of which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed bills

Relative to the retirement benefits of certain public employees (see House, No. 4456); and

Relative to commercial area revitalization districts (see House, No. 4637, amended);

(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 Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to the utilization of retired police officers by the city of Leominster (House, No. 5015, changed), 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 Ms. Wolf of Cambridge,—

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

At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Paulsen of Belmont, the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.