

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, August 6, 2001.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in Room A-1 of the State House Extension, in an Informal Session, with Mr. Sullivan of Braintree 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, let our hearts and minds be filled with Your spirit and Your gift of wisdom to guide us each day correctly, to legislate justly and to act honorably during this and every legislative session. Grant us the patience to listen to Your inspirations and the maturity to make thoughtful and rational decisions which are based on Your ways, precepts and on right reason. Teach us to accept the new opportunities and challenges which each day serves-up to us, and to renew our dedication to serve people and their best interests. May we continue to deepen our sensitivity to the needs of the times and of our communities.

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

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Sullivan of Braintree), 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. Murphy of Burlington) congratulating Matthew Robb Carvey on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Murphy of Burlington) congratulating John Anthony Sharon on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Murphy of Burlington) congratulating Matthew James Mollison on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Quinn of Dartmouth) on the occasion of the dedication of the Norwegian Fishing Memorial; and

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Simmons of Leominster) congratulating Michael Andrew Tarara 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 Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petition.

Ms. Lewis of Dedham presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4445) of Maryanne Lewis and Marian Walsh (by vote of the town) relative to the reduction of sewer fee liability in the town of Dedham in exchange for volunteer services by persons over age sixty; and the same was referred to the committee on Local Affairs. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cresta of Wakefield, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian M. Cresta, other members of the House and another relative to motor vehicle insurance surcharges on collisions caused by defects in public ways.

By Mr. DiMasi of Boston, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Salvatore F. DiMasi relative to authorizing the Commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to transfer certain land to the city of Boston.

By Mr. Donnelly of Boston, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David T. Donnelly that provision be made for payment from the state treasury of a certain sum of money to Colonel William J. Gormley III, of the Massachusetts National Guard.

By Mr. Hart of Boston, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John A. Hart, Jr., relative to the monitoring of natural gas leaks.

By Mr. Koutoujian of Newton, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter J. Koutoujian relative to the teaching of teen dating violence policies in the public schools.

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

A Bill making appropriations for certain one-time investments, improvements and payments and changes in laws relative to the budget surplus (Senate, No. 2097) (on Senate bill, No. 2093), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 32A, to the committee on Long-Term Debt and Capital Expenditures.

A Bill repealing certain antiquated laws pertaining to public health (Senate, No. 543) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on the 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) reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1968) of Salvatore F. DiMasi and Ronald Mariano relative to the payment of insurance claims for glass damage on motor vehicles,— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Insurance. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Cahill of Beverly, for the committee on Housing and Urban Development, on Senate, Nos. 620, 621, 626, 628, 629, 632, 633, 650, 653 and 657 and House, Nos. 463, 1594, 1765, 1952, 2176, 2180, 2327, 2329, 2910, 3104, 3105, 3315, 3319 and 3732, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Housing and Urban Development to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning Metropolitan District Commission land, public housing tenancies, water and sewer meter placements, the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency and other related matters (House, No. 4443). 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, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the effect of privatization on the delivery of human services (House, No. 2917) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Larkin of Pittsfield, for the committee on Education, Arts and Humanities, on House, No. 3510, a Bill relative to school-based community service-learning (House, No. 4444).

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, for the committee on Government Regulations, on a petition, a Bill relative to the assignment of prizes from the Massachusetts State Lottery (House, No. 3093).

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to medical assistance (House, No. 284, changed by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

“The division shall apply for any necessary waiver from the federal government to carry out the provisions of this act.”).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to restore Medicaid benefits for families going from welfare to work (House, No. 829, changed in line 14 by striking out the words “twenty-fourth” and inserting in place thereof the word “eighteenth”).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to review the delivery of behavioral health services in the Commonwealth (House, No. 2189, changed in line 5 by striking out the words “The Attorney General shall appoint the commission” and inserting in place thereof the words “Appointments to the commission shall be made by the Governor and the State Auditor, and shall be divided equally between the Governor and the State Auditor”).

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill relative to the development of an athletic facility by the Assabet Valley

Regional Vocational Technical School District (see Senate, No. 1815, amended) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to certain capital spending authorizations (House, No. 4313, amended), 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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in Room A-1.

At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hynes of Marshfield (Mr. Sullivan of Braintree being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in Room A-1, in an Informal Session.

