

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, September 5, 2002.

Met at eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Turkington of Falmouth 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, we trust and believe in You, Your right and in Your constant personal concern for our total well-being. You are the Lord of History and our dependable guide for achieving and living a successful and meaningful life. Your guidelines for daily living enable us to reach the purpose for which we were created by You. As we approach the eve of Rosh Hashanah, a solemn occasion, we extend our best wishes and prayers to our Jewish colleagues and friends and to the Jewish community. May good health and the blessings of the Living God be with them throughout this new year.

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

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Turkington), 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 Dorothy P. Donaldson on the occasion of her retirement;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Casey of Winchester) honoring Dean Michael R. Ronayne, Ph.D.;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Koutoujian of Newton and Stanley of Waltham) honoring Wayne Brasco, Sr.;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Koutoujian of Newton and Stanley of Waltham) honoring Steven Alan Lopes;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Koutoujian of Newton and Kaprielian of Watertown) honoring J. Malcolm Whitney;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Loscocco of Holliston) honoring Henry L. Buck on the occasion of his retirement; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Wolf of Cambridge) honoring John G. O'Brien;

Mr. Honan 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. Correia of Fall River, 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 the Chairman of the Management Team of Boston University (under the provisions of Section 13 of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 1989) submitting a copy of its annual report of the Boston University/Chelsea partnership for the fiscal year 2002, was placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5325) of Brian S. Dempsey (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to authorizing Philip M. Akstin to take the civil service examination for fire fighter in the town of Haverhill, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5326) of Paul J. Donato, J. James Marzilli, Jr., and Charles E. Shannon (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the borrowing of money for cemetery purposes by the city of Medford. To the committee on Local Affairs.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Carron of Southbridge, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mark J. Carron, Frank I. Smizik, Anne M. Gobi, Patricia D. Jehlen and Kathleen M. Teahan relative to illegal civil service appointments.

By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Garrett J. Bradley relative to reapportioning the capital gains tax.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Garrett J. Bradley relative to the expenditure of bond funds for school projects.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A communication from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC) (under the provisions of Section 50 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting rules and regulations governing retirement of public employees in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 2471) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Monthly reports of the Bureau of Special Investigations (under the provisions of Section 11(8) of Chapter 14 of the General Laws) for February, March, April, May and June, 2002; and

A report of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to an inspection of the Northeastern Correctional Center in the town of Concord;

Severally were spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill concerning parking violations in the city of Worcester (House, No. 5230) [Local Approval Received] be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Richard F. Ryan III, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth, and a member of the Suffolk County Superior Court Officers Association (House, No. 5319). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill authorizing the city of Revere to pay the funeral and burial expenses of Patrolman James Hitaffer (Senate, No. 2369) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Rochester to pay a certain unpaid bill (House, No. 5049), 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.

The House Bill relative to establishing a distinctive registration plate process (House, No. 5028, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Correia of Fall River moved that it be amended in subsection (c) (inserted by amendment) by striking out the words "may include, but are not limited to," and inserting in place thereof the words "shall include".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 5028, amended) 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 ten minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Casey of Winchester (Mr. Turkington of Falmouth being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.