

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, September 9, 2002.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford 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 pray for guidance and direction in personal and legislative matters as we address this week's challenges and opportunities. In these unusual and complex times, inspire us to select sound, reasonable and ethical options in making our daily decisions and choices. Reflecting on the trauma of last September eleventh, we, as a people and a nation, have been heartened by the positive and generous response of the people to the victims of the catastrophic event. The occurrence has united us in our appreciation of the unity of the American people and the value of our freedoms. We continue to remember the living who need our assistance and the dead who depend upon our prayers.

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

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Acting Governor.

A message from Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor (under the provisions of Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to the retirement of certain employees of the town of Tewksbury (House, No. 5327) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, September 5.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. deMacedo of Plymouth and O'Brien of Kingston) on the occasion of Kids Voting Week;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fagan of Taunton) congratulating Mechanics Co-operative Bank on the occasion of its 125th anniversary;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives George of Yarmouth, Gomes of Harwich and Turkington of Falmouth) honoring Michael McCaffrey;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kafka of Sharon) congratulating James B. Michael III on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kaufman of Lexington) congratulating Zachary Griffiths on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Koczera of New Bedford) congratulating Kevin J. Zbornak on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

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

Petition.

Mr. Bradley of Hingham presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5328) of Garrett J. Bradley and Robert L. Hedlund (by vote of the town) that the town of Hingham be authorized to issue certain pension obligation bonds; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mrs. Parente of Milford, for the committee on Long-Term Debt and Capital Expenditures, on a message from Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor, a Bill relative to the terms of certain bonds and notes to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 5311).

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

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kocot of Northampton, the bill (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.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill making the police chief in Randolph a civil service position (House, No. 5273) [Local Approval Received]. 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 Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Casey of Winchester, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed Bills.

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Relative to the inspection, registration, construction and reconstruction of dams (see Senate, No. 2269, amended);

Authorizing the city of Revere to pay the funeral and burial expenses of Patrolman James Hitaffer (see Senate, No. 2369);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Relative to civil service eligibility of the son of a deceased Boston police officer (see House, No. 5016);

Relative to establishing a distinctive registration plate process (see House, No. 5028, amended); and

Authorizing the town of Adams to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 5135);

(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 the Nantucket Islands Land Bank (House, No. 3659);

Relative to the payment of betterment assessments (House, No. 3835); and

Increasing the membership of the board of selectmen of the town of Canton (House, No. 5161) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee 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 on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty-one minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.