

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, September 17, 2001.

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:

Gracious God, we are gathered together in Your name for a moment of prayer and stand in Your Holy Presence as we open our hearts and minds to You, Our Creator. During this time of national crisis, memorial services for the deceased victims, prayers for the devastated families of the victims and for our citizens and country, we depend upon You and Your assistance to strengthen and guide us during these trying and changing times. Simultaneously in spirit and in prayer, we join the Jewish Community in observing and celebrating Rosh Hashanah. May we all enjoy the peace, happiness and good health, both spiritual and physical, which this celebration offers and signifies.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees 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.

Messages from the Acting Governor.

A message from Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor, recommending legislation relative to making certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, before final action on the General Appropriation Bill for that fiscal year (House, No. 4551) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, September 14.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A message from Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor, submitting requests for appropriations (under Section 7 of Chapter 150E of the General Laws) for the purpose of making an appropriation for funding collective bargaining agreements for certain public employees (House, No. 4552) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, September 14.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Resignation of Representative Brian M. Cresta of Wakefield.

The following communication, received by the Clerk, was read for the information of the House; and placed on file.

September 17, 2001.

The Honorable STEVEN T. JAMES
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Clerk James,

I hereby resign my position as State Representative of the Twenty-Second Middlesex District effective September 17, 2001.

Sincerely,

BRIAN M. CRESTA,
State Representative,
Twenty-Second Middlesex District.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Donato of Medford and Marzilli of Arlington) congratulating Christian Paul Davis on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Donato of Medford and Marzilli of Arlington) congratulating Matthew S. Mele on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Donato of Medford and Marzilli of Arlington) congratulating Daniel Robert Tringali on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Donovan of Woburn) congratulating the United Methodist Church in Woburn on the occasion of its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Honan of Boston) congratulating Albert Francis Nicodemo on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. LeDuc of Marlborough) honoring Donald Landers on the occasion of his retirement;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Locke of Wellesley) congratulating Robert S. Kahn on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Polito of Shrewsbury) congratulating Doctor Harvey "Jerry" Clermont on being named the 2001 Spirit of Shrewsbury Grand Marshall;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Simmons of Leominster) congratulating Settimo Firmani on being named 2001 Italian-American Man of the Year by the Italian-American Center Inc., in Leominster;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Simmons of Leominster) congratulating Frances Mary Mercadante on being named 2001 Italian-American Woman of the Year by the Italian Center Inc., in Leominster; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Timilty of Milton) congratulating Helen V. Nolan on the occasion of her eightieth birthday;

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

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill limiting the amount of fees that staffing agencies may charge employees for transportation (Senate, No. 2095) (on Senate bill No. 140), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill directing the Superintendent of State Office Buildings to install a plaque in honor of Clara Barton (Senate, No. 1581) 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 Mrs. Simmons of Leominster, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Bill providing requirements for appointment of the chief of police of the city of Revere (Senate, No. 1886) [Local Approval Received] be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

By Ms. Stanley of West Newbury, for the committee on Health Care, on House, Nos. 1188 and 1390, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Health Care to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning the use of marijuana as medical treatment (House, No. 4543).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1385, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Health Care to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning the registration of podiatrists (House, No. 4544).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1936, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Health Care to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning immunization from Hepatitis B as a requirement for admission to public schools (House, No. 4545).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1942, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Health Care to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning family day care home providers (House, No. 4546).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2164, 3308 and 4007, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Health Care to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning children receiving public assistance, fertility clinics and religious freedom for patients (House, No. 4547).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2171, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Health Care to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning access to drug and alcohol treatment programs (House, No. 4548).

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 said 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.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Rena C. Pelletier, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 3760) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Designating the tourist information center on state highway Route 2 in the town of Lancaster as the Johnny Appleseed visitor center (House, No. 1136);

Relative to the appointing of alternate members to the conservation commission of the town of North Andover (House, No. 4017);

Providing for an executive director of city services in the city of Everett (House, No. 4289); and

Directing the retirement board of the city of Holyoke to retire John Daly (House, No. 4457) (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. Jones of North Reading,—

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

At twenty-nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

