

## **JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**

Tuesday, September 17, 2002.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.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, on this Constitution Day, we place our trust and confidence in You, Our Creator and Our Guide for achieving successful daily living. We thank You for our blessings and the constitutional guarantees which we enjoy as citizens. In our diverse society grant us the wisdom and patience to address and resolve in a fair and just manner the complex and often emotional issues and policies of these uneasy times. Let our hearts and minds be filled with Your peace, love and a renewed dedication to serve You and the best interests of the people, our basic institutions and future generations.

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.

### *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Koczera of New Bedford) congratulating Daryl Sylvia on his outstanding achievements;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Koutoujian of Newton and other members of the House) congratulating James M. Hogan on his outstanding achievement; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Wolf of Cambridge) congratulating the Longfellow National Historic Site on its 30th anniversary;

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

### *Communications.*

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>From the Secretary of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (under Section 3B of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) transmitting notices relative to proposed changes in fees for

licenses, permits and services to be charged by the State Secretary for corporate and securities filings; and the Department of Public Health, Radiation Control Program; and

>From Wonderland Greyhound Park, Inc. (under the provisions of Section 2 of Chapter 128C of the General Laws) submitting copies of contracts for the simulcasting of dog races;

Severally were placed on file.

#### *Annual Report.*

The annual report of the Capital Resource Company (under the provisions of Section 12 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) describing the formation and current status of said company, was placed on file.

#### *Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill relative to acceptance of the Community Preservation Act in the town of Marblehead (printed in Senate, No. 2476) (on a message from the Acting Governor), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read.

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

A petition of Stephen M. Brewer for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Myrna Lison, an employee of the Department of Mental Retardation, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2477) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

#### *Reports of Committees.*

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Local Affairs to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning local laws and regulations and other related matters (House, No. 4398) reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill pertaining to firefighter injuries (House, No. 1620),— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Local Affairs. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to the deferral of certain sewer betterments in the town of Marion (House, No. 5114) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

*Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill relative to bank and credit union employees retirement associations (see Senate, No. 2338, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Engrossed Bills.*

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Allowing access for people raising or training dogs for the purpose of becoming service dogs to assist people with disabilities (see Senate, No. 1585) (which originated in the Senate);

Increasing the membership of the board of selectmen of the town of Canton (see House, No. 5161); and

Relative to representative town government in Framingham (see House, No. 5164, changed);

(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.

*Order.*

On motion of Mrs. Cleven of Chelmsford,—

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

At twenty-three minutes after two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mrs. Cleven of Chelmsford, the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.