

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.
Monday, September 30, 2002.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Stanley of Waltham 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, we depend upon You, Our Creator, and Your assistance for guidance in addressing public policy and legislative issues. In Your goodness, help us to keep in focus our own agenda as well as the overall needs of the people and the Commonwealth in these uneasy and unusual times. Teach us to develop clarity of thought and to accumulate accurate knowledge and information in dealing with today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities. By our commitment to solid philosophical and religious principles and values, may we together continue to build mutual trust and confidence in our legislative priorities and in our basic societal institutions.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Stanley), 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 (under the provisions of Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to validating certain votes taken by the town of Hopkinton (House, No. 5343) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, September 27.

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

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 betterment assessments for sewerage facilities in the town of Millbury (House, No. 5344) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, September 27.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Taxation. 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 Mr. Casey of Winchester) congratulating Kamel Oussayef on being installed as master of the William Parkman Masonic Lodge in Winchester;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kaufman of Lexington) congratulating James A. Goodrich on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kujawski of Webster) recognizing the Nipmuc Nation and its historic Hassanamisco people among the initial residents of Massachusetts;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Petersen of Marblehead) honoring John B. Knowles;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Provost of Sandwich) congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Fernandes on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Swan of Springfield) congratulating Alberta Howard on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday;

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

Petitions.

Mr. Koutoujian of Newton presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5347) of Peter J. Koutoujian, Rachel Kaprielian and Steven A. Tolman (by vote of the town council) that the retirement board of the city known as the town of Watertown be authorized to grant increased retirement benefits to certain former employees of said city; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Miceli of Wilmington presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James R. Miceli relative to tuition payments for children in foster care attending school outside of their home district; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of Bruce E. Tarr and Bradford Hill (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the appointment of special police officers at the Crane Reservation in the town of Ipswich, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Safety.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2482) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Safety.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Thomas A. Golden Jr., and Steven C. Panagiotakos relative to designating Regatta Field in the city of Lowell as the Anne Dean Welcome Field. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the

petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill relative to property tax exemptions for rental properties in the town of Provincetown used as affordable housing (Senate, No. 2325) [Local Approval Received] be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill relative to the unemployment insurance system (see House, No. 4452, 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 7 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill relative to police powers in certain buildings in the town of Framingham (see House, No. 5186) (which originated in the House), 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.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Ware to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5121);

Relative to recall in the town of North Brookfield (House, No. 5150); and

Placing the police chief in the town of Randolph under the civil service law (House, No. 5273) (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. Peterson of Grafton,—

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

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline (Mr. Stanley of Waltham being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

