

## **JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**

Thursday, October 3, 2002.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mrs. Walrath of Stow 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:

Eternal God, with humble and contrite spirit, we offer this prayer of petition to You, Our Creator, that our hearts and minds will always remain open to truth and wisdom of which You are the Ultimate Source. Your ways, assistance and teachings enable us to recognize and to accept each day's challenges and opportunities in a reasonable and tranquil manner. May we be mature enough to take responsibility for our own daily personal decisions and choices. Guided by Your inspirations, help us to retain our faithfulness to our priorities, principles and religious beliefs in this changing world.

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

At the request of the Chair (Mrs. Walrath), the members, guests and employees joined with her 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. Donato of Medford) honoring Lilian Meade Boyd on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fagan of Taunton) congratulating William Cardin on the occasion of his retirement; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Nyman of Hanover) congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Turner on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary;

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. 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 relative to the financial conditions in the Nashoba Regional School District (Senate, No. 2479, changed in section 3, in line 5, by inserting after the words "the deputy commissioner of

the division of local services of the department of revenue or his designee,” the words “the commissioner of education or his designee,”) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read.

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

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Quinn of Dartmouth, the bill (having been 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, in concurrence.

#### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. O’Flaherty of Chelsea, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kevin J. Welch, an employee of the trial court (House, No. 5333). 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 the rules, on motion of Mr. Casey of Winchester, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Casey of Winchester, for the committee on Taxation, on a petition, a Bill relative to property tax exemptions for rental properties in the town of Wellfleet deed restricted as to affordable housing (House, No. 5097) [Local Approval Received], which was read.

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

#### *Engrossed Bills.*

The engrossed Bill relative to the unemployment insurance system (see House, No. 4452, amended) (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 acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Miceli of Wilmington being in the Chair,—

The engrossed Bill relative to the retirement of certain employees of the town of Tewksbury (see House bill printed in House, No. 5327) (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 (more than two-thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same); and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Mrs. Walrath of Stow having returned to the Chair,—

Engrossed bills

Directing the state board of retirement to pay a certain retirement benefit to the surviving spouse of State Trooper Michael Brugman (see Senate, No. 1374, changed and amended);

Relative to the financial conditions in the Nashoba Regional School District (see Senate, No. 2479, changed);

(Which severally originated in the Senate); and

Authorizing Leona S. Ferrara to take the civil service examination for firefighter in the town of Mansfield notwithstanding maximum age requirement (see House, No. 5232) (which 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 taxation of certain income (House, No. 1890);

Relative to the charter of the town of Provincetown (House, No. 5057); and

Relative to the membership of the conservation commission of the town of Marion (House, No. 5113);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading 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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

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