

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, October 7, 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:

Holy Spirit of God, we are grateful for the material blessings and the spiritual gifts which we receive from You each day. Often we are so busy with our own responsibilities and commitments that we do not take the time to say: Thank You! The reality of Your presence, guidance and assistance should enable us to organize in a reasonable way our daily routine and to live a purposeful, meaningful and responsible life. In serving the people and the common good, inspire us to propose, evaluate and enact legislation which is just, ethical and relevant as we together build a safe, civil and compassionate society.

Grant Your blessings to 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. Finneran of Boston) congratulating Faustino "Frankie" Guido Angelo Cimildoro on the occasion of his retirement;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Jehlen of Somerville, Ciampa of Somerville and Toomey of Cambridge) congratulating Somerville High School on the occasion of its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kaufman of Lexington) honoring Robert O. Ralston;

Mr. DiMasi 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. Kaufman, 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 notice relative to proposed changes in fees for licenses, permits and services to be charged by the Department of Revenue for the intercept program;

From the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau (under Item 8850-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002) submitting a master plan to increase the usage of motor vehicle safety belts in the Commonwealth; and

From the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC) submitting a copy of the Actuarial Valuation Report of the State Employees' Retirement System for the period ending January 1, 2002;
Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

Annual reports

Of the Director of the Biologic Laboratories of the University of Massachusetts (under the provisions of Section 43 of Chapter 75 of the General Laws) of the activities of said laboratories for fiscal year 2002;

Of the State Ethics Commission (under the provisions of Section 2(1) of Chapter 268B of the General Laws) for fiscal year 2002;

Of the Group Insurance Commission (under the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 32A of the General Laws) relative to vendor quality improvement program activities for fiscal year 2002;

Of the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation (under the provisions of Section 10 of Chapter 221A of the General Laws) relative to the description and evaluation of each program and a summary of the expenditures for such programs for fiscal year ending June 30, 2002; and

Of the Department of Mental Retardation (under Section 4 of Chapter 547 of the Acts of 1991) of the activities of the Belchertown Carousel Trust for fiscal year 2002; and

A report of the Massachusetts Convention Center (under Section 5L of Chapter 152 of the Acts of 1997) relative to the status of the Springfield Convention Center project for the month of July 2002;

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mrs. Parente of Milford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5348) of Marie J. Parente and Richard T. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to establishing a capital expenditure fund in the town of Mendon. To the committee on Local Affairs.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5349) of Brian S. Dempsey (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to authorizing the appointment of Daniel J. McCarthy as a police officer in the city of Haverhill, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Harold P. Naughton Jr., for legislation to authorize the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to renegotiate certain leases on behalf of the Department of Environmental Protection.

By Mr. Tobin of Quincy, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of A. Stephen Tobin, Michael W. Morrissey, Bruce J. Ayers and Ronald Mariano for legislation to authorize the Trial Court to establish a sick leave bank for Colleen McDonald, an employee of said court.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Establishing a building reserve fund in the city of Revere (Senate, No. 2068) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];
Relative to certain recorded memoranda of litigation involving real property (Senate, No. 2483) (on Senate bill, No. 842);
Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Commerce and Labor to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning unemployment insurance and business transactions (House, No. 4680) reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 770) of Brian Knuuttila and Robert A. Antonioni for legislation to exclude Social Security benefits in the computation of unemployment benefits,— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Commerce and Labor. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Public Service, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4656) of Elizabeth Poirier and other members of the General Court relative to the discrimination against veterans in employment,— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Commerce and Labor. 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, asking to be discharged from further consideration
Of the Bill relative to the rights of adopted persons under a certain instrument (Senate, No. 825); and
Of the Bill relating to the confidentiality of telephone and telegraph company returns (House, No. 194);
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 placing the police chief in the town of Randolph under the civil service law (see House, No. 5273) (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.

The House Bill establishing a capital investments fund in the town of Rochester (House, No. 4623), 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.

The House Bill relative to the eligibility of Robert Better for death and disability benefits under the cancer law (House, No. 5206), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Rog-eness of Longmeadow moved that it be amended by adding at the end thereof the following section:

“SECTION 2. The Hampden County Regional Retirement Board shall reinstate the accidental death benefits payable to Diane Miller-Goodrich, the surviving spouse of James S. Miller, a department of public works employee in the town of Wilbraham, under para-graph (d) of subsection (2) of section 9 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, notwithstanding her remarriage.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 5206, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for con-currence.

The House Bill regarding information records of the Commonwealth (House, No. 642) was read a second time.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was referred to the committee on Rules, on motion of Mr. Scaccia of Boston.

The Senate Bill providing health care coverage for certain prosthetic devices (Senate, No. 2331) was read a second time.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was recommitted to the committee on Ways and Means, on motion of Mr. Ruane of Salem.

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 nineteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Ruane of Salem (Mrs. Walrath of Stow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.
