

## **JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**

Wednesday, October 24, 2001.

Met according to adjournment, at one o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Eternal God, we depend upon You, Our Creator, for divine assistance in meeting our daily needs and responsibilities and for guidance in proposing, evaluating and enacting legislation. In Your kindness, inspire us to make legislative decisions and to opt for legislative choices which are thoughtful, sound and ethical. In these turbulent times, grant us the knowledge to recognize quickly the public safety challenges which we face now and perhaps in the future. Grant us the gift of wisdom which enables us, as elected leaders, to articulate clearly and forcefully the issues of the day, both the opportunities and the dangers. Teach us to keep our minds clearly focused on the important events of each day and at the same time keep all matters in perspective. May we always be aware of Your presence in our midst and of Your concern for our total well-being.

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.

### *Statement of Representative Rushing of Boston.*

A statement of Mr. Rushing of Boston was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for Monday's sitting due to a previously scheduled long-standing commitment in Washington, D.C. If I had been present, I would have voted yea on roll calls #126 and #129 and nay on roll calls #127 and #128.

### *Distinguished Guests of the House.*

During the session, the Speaker declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair, there being no objection; and introduced Tim Russert, moderator of "Meet the Press", political analyst for "NBC Nightly News" and the "Today" program, anchor of "The Tim Russert Show" and senior vice president and Washington bureau chief of NBC News. Mr. Russert addressed the House as the second participant in the "Lyceum Lecture Series" of the 2001-2002 Session.

The Speaker then introduced Robert H. Quinn, former Speaker of the House and former Attorney General; David M. Bartley, President of Holyoke Community College and former Speaker of the House; Charles F. Flaherty, former Speaker of the House; William M. Bulger, President of the University of Massachusetts and former President of the Senate; A. Joseph DeNucci, Auditor of the Commonwealth; Michael J. Callahan and Kelly A. Timilty, members of the Governor's Council; W. Paul White, former State Senator; Michael Sullivan, Mayor of the city of Holyoke; Sean Dunphy, Robert Cordy, George Daher, Martha Sosman, Barbara Dortch-

Okara, John Greaney, Suzanne DelVecchio and William J. Tierney, Justices of various courts in the Commonwealth; Kevin M. Burke, Phillip Rollins and Elizabeth Scheibel, District Attorneys in the Commonwealth; Michael Ashe, John Flynn, James V. DiPaola, Richard J. Rouse and Michael G. Bellotti, Sheriffs in the Commonwealth; Seamus Hemtenstall, Vice Consul General of Ireland; Judy Butler and Carol Fiola of the Governor's Office; Jessica Buckle, Lucy Crawford and Anya Wright, Wayland High School seniors and guests of Representative Pope of Wayland; Bill Kennedy, former Chief of Staff to the Speaker; John Sasso, former Chief of Staff to former Governor Michael S. Dukakis; and Anne Finucane, Dennis and Peggy Quilty, and Mr. Robin Brown, guests of Mr. Russert.

### *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fagan of Taunton) congratulating Matthew Bruce Terra on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Fox of Boston, Owens-Hicks of Boston, Rushing of Boston, St. Fleur of Boston, Barrios of Cambridge and Swan of Springfield) congratulating Pearlis M. Jones on the occasion of her retirement from the Massachusetts Trial Court, Dorchester District Court Division;

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Miceli of Wilmington and other members of the House) congratulating Minuteman Senior Services on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Story of Amherst) on the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the New England Association of the Teachers of English; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tirone of Amesbury) honoring Doctor Arthur L. Plouff as the recipient of the Monsignor Thomas M. Lane Good Citizenship Award;

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

### *Papers from the Senate.*

The monthly report of the Bureau of Special Investigations (under the provisions of Section 11(8) of Chapter 14 of the General Laws) for the month of August, 2001; and

Reports of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspections of certain correctional facilities in the

Commonwealth, as follows:

Of the Hampden County Sheriff's Department and Correctional Center, located in the town of Ludlow; and

Of the Bridgewater State Hospital, located in the town of Bridgewater;

Severally were spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill relative to voting precincts in the town of Ludlow (see House bill printed in House, No. 4518, changed) (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 Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Sullivan of Fall River,—

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

At twenty-four minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. George of Yarmouth, the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.