

## **JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**

Monday, November 18, 2002.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. O'Brien of Kingston 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, Our Creator, who has given us the gift of life and has shown us the way of life, we depend upon Your guidance and direction as we respond to legislative challenges and opportunities and the current needs of people and society. We pray for wisdom, vision and clarity of thought at our moments of decision. Teach us to be patient listeners, thoughtful leaders and skillful legislators. In Your kindness, inspire us to be seekers of truth and faithful to our ideals, philosophical and religious principles and to human and spiritual values. In these stressful and uncertain times, help us to be messengers and symbols of hope, trust and compassion in uniting people in pursuing fair, ethical and realistic societal goals.

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

At the request of the Chair (Mr. O'Brien), 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 Mrs. Canavan of Brockton) congratulating Christopher William Molloy on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Locke of Wellesley) on the occasion of the installation of the 2003 officers of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Wolf of Cambridge) honoring David Bor, M.D., on the dedication of the Cambridge Hospital Library in his honor;

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 Ms. Wolf, 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 House Bill relative to the civil service status of the positions of director of police services and director of fire services in the town of Arlington (House, No. 5233) came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in section 2, in line 5, inserting after the word "positions" the following: "and shall be exempt from section 56 of chapter 31 of the General Laws".

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Rodrigues of Westport, the amendment

(reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A Bill authorizing the town of Dighton to establish a special fund (Senate, No. 2469) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Wagner of Chicopee, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Montague (House, No. 5263) [Local Approval Received]. 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. Smizik of Brookline, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Colleen McDonald, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 5353). 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. Marini of Hanson, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Balser of Newton, for the committee on Local Affairs, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Winchester to borrow certain funds (House, No. 5313) [Local Approval Received]. 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. Ruane of Salem, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Balser of Newton, for the committee on Local Affairs, on a petition, a Bill amending the selectmen-town administrator form of government (House, No. 5350). 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 Mrs. Walrath of Stow, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Hall of Westford, for the committee on State Administration, on House, No. 4216, a Bill designating the book "Make Way for Ducklings" by Robert McCloskey as the official

childrens book of the Commonwealth, and further designating the author Theodor Geisel, better know as Dr. Suess, as the official children's author and children's illustrator of the Commonwealth (House, No. 5374). 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. Quinn of Dartmouth, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill relative to the plumbing inspector in the town of Marblehead (Senate, No. 2481) [Local Approval Received] be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the Rehoboth Water District to hold its annual district meeting at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School building (House, No. 5275) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

#### *Engrossed Bills.*

The engrossed Bill relative to Nora O'Reilly (see Senate, No. 2219) (which originated in the Senate), in respect to which the Senate had con-curred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The engrossed Bill providing for recall election for the Athol-Royalston regional school district (see Senate, No. 1854) (which originated in the Senate), 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

Relative to liens on buildings and land (printed as Senate, No. 931) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Establishing an affordable housing trust fund in the town of Ipswich (House, No. 5122); and

Providing for the work force reduction of the city of Medford through an early retirement incentive program for certain employees (House, No. 5351, changed);

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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

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At three minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Marini of Hanson (Mr. O'Brien of Kingston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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