

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, November 27, 2002.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Leary of Worcester 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: Lord God, from Whom all blessings flow, our hearts and minds are filled with joy, hope and love as we pause for a full day to celebrate a unique and wonderful holiday, Thanksgiving. For many, this is a traditional family day on which immediate and extended family members join together in celebrating a joyous historic occasion and event. But the day also reminds us of the material and spiritual needs of people both at home and abroad. In the spirit of the day, teach us to be as thoughtful of and generous to others as You are towards us. The religious celebration of Chanukah by the Jewish Community demonstrates again Your personal concern for and interest in each one of us, as Our Creator.

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

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Leary), 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, recommending legislation relative to clarifying the use of certain trust funds in fiscal years 2003 and 2004 (House, No. 5380) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, November 26.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A message from Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor, submitting requests for appropriations (under Section 7 of Chapter 150E of the General Laws) for the purpose of funding collective bargaining agreements between the Commonwealth and the Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 6, between the Commonwealth and the Association of Federal, State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 414, Council 93, and between the Commonwealth and the Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 6 (House, No. 5381) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Monday, November 25.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Petition.

Mr. Jones of North Reading presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5379) of Bradley H. Jones Jr., Mark V. Falzone and Richard R. Tisei (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Lynnfield to establish a capital facilities maintenance fund; and the same was referred to the committee on Local Affairs. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land to the Taunton Development Corporation (see Senate, No. 1591, changed) came from the Senate with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2496.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich, 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.

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 William M. Straus and Marc R. Pacheco relative to authorizing Richard W. Angle and Jean H. Angle to construct and maintain a stone pier in Wings Cove in the town of Marion. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Rushing of Boston, 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. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill relative to the rights of adopted persons under a certain instrument (Senate, No. 825) ought to pass. 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 Rule 7A, 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 further regulating the granting of temporary licenses for the sale of wine at certain auctions (see Senate, No. 2489) (which originated in the Senate), 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.

Engrossed bills

Relative to property tax exemptions for rental properties in the town of Provincetown used as affordable housing (see Senate, No. 2325) (which originated in the Senate); and

Relative to the taxation of real and personal property (see House, No. 3436) (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.

The Senate Bill relative to the Massachusetts veterans shelter in the city of Worcester (Senate, No. 2150, amended), 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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment previously adopted by the House.

House bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Myrna Lison, an employee of the Department of Mental Retardation (printed as Senate, No. 2477);

Authorizing the town of Mendon to charge seniors a reduced trash fee (House, No. 4757);

Relative to the effective date of certain civil service laws in the town of Plainville (House, No. 5244); and

Authorizing the town of Winchester to borrow certain funds (House, No. 5313);

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.

Mr. Connolly of Everett then moved that as a mark of respect to the memory of William H. Finnegan, a member of the House from Everett from 1955 to 1966, inclusive, Majority Whip in 1961 and 1962 and a long-time employee of the General Court, the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on further motion of Mr. Connolly (Mr. Leary of Worcester being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.
