

**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**

Monday, December 3, 2001.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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

Gracious God, the Ultimate Source of Forgiveness and Mercy, we depend upon You, Your assistance and guidance as we address the legislative issues and challenges which come before us each day. In Your goodness, inspire us to make the right decisions and to select the best options which are open to us during these unusual and uneasy times. With Your help and our own legislative experience, may our decisions, often unpopular or misunderstood, be beneficial for the people whom we serve and for the well-being of the Commonwealth for which we are responsible. As elected officials, teach us to be sympathetic and patient listeners, but at the same time faithful to our principles and ideals.

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.

*Message from the Acting Governor — Disapprovals and*

*Reductions in General Appropriation Bill.*

A message from Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor, returning with her disapproval of certain items and sections and parts of certain items, and reductions in certain items contained in the engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2002 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements [see House, No. 4800] (for message, see House, No. 4801) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Saturday, December 1.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, to the committee on Ways and Means.

*Message from the Acting Governor — General Appropriation*

*Bill Returned with Recommendation of Amendment.*

A message from Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor, returning with recommendation of amendment Section 60 contained in the engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2002 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements [see House, No. 4800] (for message, see House, No. 4802) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Saturday, December 1.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the section was thereupon "before the General Court and subject to amendment

and re-enactment”.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by the Acting Governor, the subject-matter was referred, on motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

*Message from the Acting Governor.*

A message from Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor, submitting recommendations for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2002 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4777) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Saturday, December 1.

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.

*Interim Report.*

An interim report of the joint special committee established (under House order No. 4220 of 1999 and revived and continued by House order No. 3901 of 2001) to make an investigation and study of a new division of the Commonwealth into Congressional districts, forty Senatorial districts, eight Councillor districts and one hundred and sixty Representative districts (House, No. 4778) was referred to the committee on Rules.

Subsequently Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for said committee, on the foregoing report, reported a Bill relative to the division of the state into Congressional Districts (printed in House, No. 4778, App. A). 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. Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mrs. Parente of Milford, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marie J. Parente and another relative to investigations of reports of child abuse.

By Mr. Quinn of Dartmouth, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John F. Quinn relative to the durable power of attorney.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John F. Quinn (by vote of the town) that the Bristol County Retirement Board be directed to increase the retirement allowance paid to Louis Caton, a retired police officer of the town of Dartmouth.

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

*Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill authorizing the Board of Registration of Dieticians and Nutritionists to issue a certain license (Senate, No. 2130) (on a petition), 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 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, as follows:

Of the Barnstable County House of Correction and Jail, in the town of Barnstable;

Of the M.C.I. Boston Pre-Release Center, in the city of Boston;

Of M.C.I. Plymouth, in the town of South Carver;

Of the Norfolk County Correctional Center, in the town of Dedham; and

Of the Norfolk County Pre-Release Facility, in the town of Dedham;

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

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill authorizing the town of East Bridgewater to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2175) [Local Approval Received] be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater, 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 relative to town meeting members in the town of Burlington (House, No. 4704) [Local Approval Received] be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Murphy of Burlington, 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 town of Bellingham to establish a capital investment fund (House, No. 4728) [Local Approval Received] be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

*Engrossed Bills.*

The engrossed Bill relative to elections for town meeting members in the town of Milford (see printed in House, No. 4069) (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.

Engrossed bills

Establishing the office of treasurer-collector in the town of Carlisle (see House, No. 645);

Relative to the zoning by-laws of the town of Needham (see House, No. 4290); and

Designating a certain bridge as the Pearl Harbor Veterans Bridge (see House, No. 4534);

(Which severally 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 Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Hynes of Marshfield,—

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at ten o'clock A.M.

At twenty-two minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Rodrigues of Westport, the House adjourned, to meet on Wednesday next at ten o'clock A.M.

