

**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**  
**Friday, January 17, 2003.**

Met at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.  
At the request of the Speaker, 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 considered forthwith, under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Coppola of Foxborough:  
Resolutions (filed by Representatives Coppola of Foxborough, Poirier of North Attleborough and Travis of Rehoboth) congratulating Justin Cinelli on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;  
Resolutions (filed by Representatives Coppola of Foxborough, Kafka of Sharon and Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating Andrew Hoy on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;  
Resolutions (filed by Representatives Coppola of Foxborough, Kafka of Sharon and Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating Devin Romanul on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and  
Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) congratulating James G. Bancroft on the occasion of his retirement.

*Recess.*

At a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., the Speaker declared a recess until a quarter before twelve o'clock noon; and at a quarter after twelve o'clock, the House was called to order with the Speaker in the Chair.

*Paper from the Senate.*

The House Bill expanding the Governor's authority to address deficiencies in revenue (House, No. 2010, amended) came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments striking out section 2B (as printed); inserting after section 3 (as printed) the following two sections:

SECTION 5A. The governor shall not reduce the allocation to a city, town or regional school district of state school aid funds appropriated in item 7061-0008 of section 2 of chapter 184 of the acts of 2002, as allocated by section 3 of said chapter 184, so as to reduce the sum of those allocated state school aid funds and the minimum required local contribution below foundation budget for that city, town or regional school district, as those terms are defined in section 2 of chapter 70 of the General Laws.

SECTION 5B. In any reduction in payments to a municipality or regional school district pursuant to items 0611-5500, 7061-0008, 7061-0022 or Lottery Distributions in sections 2 and 3 of chapter 184 of the acts of 2002, from the amounts appropriated in said chapter 184 the governor shall consider the following: (1) the impact on the annual budget of each municipality

or regional school district; (2) the existence of any local reserve funds; (3) the percentage of the municipality's or regional school district's budget that comes from the state; and (4) any other factor that he considers important.”; and striking out section 4 (as printed) and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 6. Section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2003.”.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Linsky of Natick, the amendments were considered forthwith.

Mr. O’Flaherty of Chelsea then moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendments with a further amendment in section 1, in line 10, by inserting after the word “courts” the words “the office of the comptroller, the office of inspector general”.

The further amendment was adopted. The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendments, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

*Recess.*

At twenty-nine minutes after twelve o’clock noon, the Speaker declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and and twenty-five minutes before two o’clock P.M., the House was called to order with the Speaker in the Chair.

*Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill expanding the Governor’s authority to address deficiencies in revenue (see House, No. 2010, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble. A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

At a quarter before two o’clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson, the House adjourned, to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.