

**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**  
**Wednesday, November 26, 2003.**

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford 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: Eternal God, the Ultimate Sources of Goodness and Love, as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving Day, a national holiday, a special family day and the time for traditional local football contests, we pause to offer thanks for our spiritual and material blessings. You have blessed us as a nation and a people in a unique way. The day is also an occasion on which we profess our belief and trust in You, Our Creator, and our concern for others in need of assistance. Let our faith and trust in You guide us in our daily activities and the spirit and good feeling of the day always remain with us.

Bestow Your blessings on the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Message from the Governor.**

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to creating and protecting jobs, easing the unemployment insurance burden on employers and preserving the solvency of the trust fund (House, No. 4343) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, November 25.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Commerce and Labor. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

**Papers from the Senate.**

**Bills**

Relative to a certain parcel of land in the town of Ipswich (Senate, No. 1178) (on Senate order, No. 2075) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to the police department in the town of Bridgewater (Senate, No. 2071) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

**Engrossed Bills.**

Authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to grant access to its sewer system to a certain property in the town of Hingham (see Senate, No. 1221);

Authorizing the town of Weymouth to grant access to its sewer system and to assess charges

therefor (see Senate, No. 2148);  
(Which severally originated in the Senate);  
Authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant an easement in a certain parcel of land in the town of Grafton (see House, No. 263, amended);  
Increasing the number of selectmen in the town of Foxborough from 3 to 5 (see House, No. 583); and  
Relative to the Board of Health of the town of Tewksbury (see House, No. 4145);  
(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 acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

#### **Reconsideration.**

Mr. Greene of Billerica moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, on Tuesday, November 18, accepted the House report of the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1153) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr., and Lewis G. Evangelidis relative to establishing a visitor impact fund to assist cities and towns hosting visitors to state parks, forests and reservations; and the motion to reconsider was entertained, and it prevailed.

Pending the recurring question on acceptance of the report, the petition was recommitted, on further motion of Mr. Greene.

#### **Orders of the Day.**

The Senate Bill relative to the issuance of certain bonds by the city of Revere (Senate, No. 2057), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was referred, under Rule 32A, to the committee on Long-Term Debt and Capital Expenditures.

#### **House bills**

Relative to certain utility regulations (House, No. 1458);  
Exempting the position of deputy chief of police in the town of Milford from the provisions of civil service law (House, No. 3880); and  
Relative to the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 3978);  
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.

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The House Bill relative to the retirement benefits of certain public employees (House, No. 3587) was read a second time.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was recommitted to the committee on Ways and Means, on motion of Mr. Rogers of Norwood.

The House report of the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1152) of Thomas N. George, other members of the General Court and another relative to establishing a visitor impact fund to assist cities and towns hosting visitors to state parks, forests and reservations, was considered.

Pending the question on accepting the report, the petition was recommitted, on motion of Mr. Greene of Billerica.

**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.

At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Connolly of Everett (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.