

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, August 11, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mrs. Harkins of Needham 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, we begin each day with a sincere intention and desire to serve You and the people who depend upon our mature judgements in legislative and public policy matters. Often we find it difficult, even in this information age, to obtain accurate and current information in the process of evaluating legislation. In these matters, we depend upon Your assistance and Your gift of wisdom. Inspire us to remain faithful to our own high personal ideals, goals and principles as we take up the day's challenges. May the human and spiritual needs and concerns of all people remain on the top of our agenda.

Prayer.

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

At the request of the Chair (Mrs. Harkins), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. O'Brien of Kingston and Nyman of Hanover) congratulating Andrew J. Ewing on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Andrew J.
Ewing.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Smola of Palmer) on the occasion of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Hitchcock Free Academy;

Hitchcock
Free
Academy.

Mr. Scaccia 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 of Cambridge, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4334) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and others (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Mansfield to establish a housing corporation (having been returned by the State Secretary, under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, with memoranda relative thereto) was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Housing. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mansfield,
housing
corporation.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Evangelidis of Holden, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lewis G. Evangelidis relative to creditable service for retirement purposes for certain persons employed in affiliation with the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

By Ms. L'Italien of Andover, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Barbara A. L'Italien and others relative to income tax deductions for certain capital losses and allowing such excess losses to be carried over to subsequent taxable years.

By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ronald Mariano for legislation to define "Medicare Part D" for prescription drugs under the law providing supplemental health insurance plans.

By Mr. Moran of Boston, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael J. Moran for legislation to authorize the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to lease a certain parcel of land located in the Brighton section of the city of Boston to Community Rowing, Inc.

By Mr. Toomey of Cambridge, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., and Alice K. Wolf that the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey the Simoni Memorial Rink located in the city of Cambridge to said city.

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

Paper from the Senate.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:

August 11, 2005.

The Honorable Salvatore F. DiMasi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Room 356 State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to inform you that the Senate President has appointed to the Biomedical Research Advisory Council (pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter 27 of the Acts of 2005): Nancy E. Forbes, J.D., partner at Ropes & Gray; Dr. Richard O. Hynes, Professor of Cancer Research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Investigator for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute; Dr. Claire Pierre, primary care physician and Director of the Center for International Health Partnerships for the Cambridge Health Alliance; and Dr. David T. Scadden, Director of the Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Regenerative Medicine and Technology and Co-Director of the Harvard Stem Cell Initiative.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. WELCH,
Clerk of the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, for the committee on Public Health, on Senate, No. 1231 and House, No. 2731, a Bill allowing emergency personnel to carry epinephrine (House, No. 2731). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Emergency personnel, epinephrine.

By Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, on a petition, a Bill discontinuing that portion of Gravelly Brook Road lying in the town of Topsfield as a county highway, and authorizing and directing the Division of Capital Asset Management to convey and grant all right, title and interest in said discontinued portion to abutters (House, No. 1427).

Topsfield, Gravelly Brook Road.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1419 and 1433, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land in the town of Erving (House, No. 1433).

Erving, land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land to the city of Peabody (House, No. 4247) [Local Approval Received].

Peabody, land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3852, a Bill providing for the disposition of certain property in the town of Upton (House, No. 4333).

Upton, property.

By Mr. Verga of Gloucester, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill further regulating veterans benefits (House, No. 1701, changed in line 2 by striking out the year "2002" and inserting in place thereof the year "2004").

Veterans benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill extending certain benefits for military personnel on active duty (House, No. 4043, changed in line 2 by striking out the word "repealed" and inserting in place thereof the following: "amended by striking out the following: 'September 11, 2005' and inserting in place thereof the following: 'September 11, 2007'.").

Military personnel, extend benefits.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Quorum.

Mrs. Teahan of Whitman asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was present. The Chair (Mrs. Harkins of Needham), having determined that a quorum was not in attendance, under the provisions of Rule 82, at seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., declared a recess until the hour of three o'clock P.M.; and ten minutes after three o'clock the House was called to order with Mrs. Harkins in the Chair.

Recess.

A quorum not being in attendance, under the provisions of Rule 82, the Chair (Mrs. Harkins), at a quarter after three o'clock P.M., declared an adjournment of the House until Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an informal session.

Adjournment.

UMass Memorial Health Care.

Income taxes, capital losses.

Medicare, prescription drugs.

Brighton, Community Rowing, Inc.

Cambridge, Simoni Memorial Rink.

Biomedical Research Advisory Council. Financing.