

Monday, June 25, 2007.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow 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, Your guidance and assistance enables us to evaluate correctly even the most complex and sensitive political and public policy issues which come before us. In Your goodness, inspire us to seek truth, justice and high ethical standards in our common effort to meet the many needs of constituents and our changing communities. As elected leaders, help us to be patient listeners, unbiased and conscientious critics and thoughtful decision-makers. On all occasions, may our legislative choices be based on accurate data, reliable information and the common good.

Prayer.

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

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Statement of Representative Kennedy of Brockton.

A statement of Mr. Kennedy of Brockton was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was not able to be present in the House Chamber for last Thursday's sitting due to being recently released from the hospital and recovering from pneumonia. Any roll calls that I missed that day was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Kennedy of Brockton.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable) congratulating Allen Stewart on the occasion of his retirement;

Allen Stewart.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Fagan of Taunton, Canessa of New Bedford and Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Diana Shearstone on the occasion of her retirement;

Diana Shearstone.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Fox of Boston) congratulating Martha Rhodes Steele on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday;

Martha Rhodes Steele.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Gobi of Spencer and Smola of Palmer) in recognition of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Ware Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2577;

Ware,—veterans.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Murphy of Burlington) honoring Mary and Peter Moloney on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary;

Mary and Peter Moloney.

Heywood
Hospital.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Rice of Gardner, Gobi of Spencer, Evangelidis of Holden, DiNatale of Fitchburg and Flanagan of Leominster) recognizing the Heywood Hospital Centennial; and

Peter S.
Fellenz.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Spellane of Worcester) commending Peter S. Fellenz for his dedication to creating housing opportunities;

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

Communications.

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Montana,—
U.S.
Constitutional
convention.

From the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Montana submitting adopted resolutions recinding previously made applications to the Congress to call for a for convention to amend the Constitution of the United States; and

Easthampton,—
local cable
control.

From the City Council of the city of Easthampton urging the General Court to reject efforts to eliminate municipal control of cable franchising authority;

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Tewksbury,—
teachers.

Mr. Miceli of Wilmington presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4117) of James R. Miceli and Susan C. Tucker (by vote of the town) relative to salary payments to teachers in the school department of the town of Tewksbury; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Internet
hunting.

To prohibit internet hunting (Senate, No. 860, amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2273) (on a petition);

Middle-
borough,—
land.

Authorizing the town of Middleborough to convey town-owned conservation land in exchange for other land to be used as conservation and recreation land (Senate, No. 1188) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Taunton,—
economic
development
fund.

Establishing the Taunton economic development fund (Senate, No. 1192) (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.

Easton,—
land
conveyance.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2272) of Brian A. Joyce, Geraldine Creedon, Robert S. Creedon, Jr., David L. Flynn and other members of the General Court (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the board of selectmen of Easton to lease a certain parcel of land, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

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

June 20, 2007.

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 Senate President Therese Murray has announced the appointment (pursuant to Section 66 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) of Jacqueline D. Lane to the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (MCSW) for a term to expire on November 30, 2007.

Status of
Women,—
appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. WELCH,
Clerk of the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill authorizing the establishment of senior citizen safety zones (House, No. 623),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Transportation. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the reference.

Seniors,—
safety
zones.

By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, for the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1238) of Mark C. Montigny, J. James Marzilli, Jr., Jarrett T. Barrios, Susan C. Fargo and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to controlling health care costs and improving quality,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing;

Health care
costs.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2171) of Peter J. Koutoujian relative to the granting of consent by parents and guardians in the Probate Court and district courts for the marriage of certain minors,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary; and

Minors,—
marriage.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2042) of Ruth B. Balser and others that the Department of Public Health and the Department of Mental Health be required to adopt regulations for the protection of mentally ill patients in emergency rooms of hospitals,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

Emergency
rooms,—
mentally ill.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Middle
education,—
commission.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Resolve reviving and continuing the special commission on middle education in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3775) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committees on Ways and Means.

Community
development
projects.

By Mr. Petrucci of Boston, for the committee on Community Development and Small Business, on a petition, a Bill to facilitate community development projects (House, No. 182).

UMass Police
Department,—
regulate leave
with pay.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on House, Nos. 2516 and 2517, a Bill to further regulate leave with pay for incapacitated employees of the University of Massachusetts Police Department (House, No. 2516).

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

Physician
recruitment
and
retention,—
commission.

By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, for the committee on Public Health, on Senate, No. 1213 and House, No. 2075, a Resolve establishing a special commission to study physician recruitment and workforce development in Massachusetts (printed as Senate, No. 1213).

Toys and
jewelry,—
lead.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve relative to banning lead in toys and jewelry (printed as Senate, No. 1224).

Nurse
practitioners.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure consumer choice of nurse practitioner services (printed as Senate, No. 1226).

Naturopathic
doctors,—
registration.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1321 and House, No. 2225, a Bill providing for the registration of naturopathic doctors (printed as Senate, No. 1321).

Optometric
patients,—
treatment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1255 and House, No. 2044, a Bill relative to the modernization of optometric patient care (House, No. 2044).

Mosquitos,—
control.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to mosquito control (House, No. 2116).

Health care
workers,—
influenza.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for the prevention of influenza in health care workers and high risk patients (House, No. 2158).

Public health,—
mutual aid.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2152, a Bill relative to mutual aid for local public health (House, No. 4116).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Special
development
districts.

By Mr. Petrucci of Boston, for the committee on Community Development and Small Business, on a petition, a Bill relative to special development districts (House, No. 159). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 1F, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Medford,—
school
funds.

By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill regarding the use of certain SBA reimbursements to the city of Medford (House, No. 4096, changed in section 2 by strik-

ing out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: "The amount to be repaid shall not include amounts paid by the city of Medford for debt service on the repair project that would have been funded by the reserve in fiscal years 2008, 2009 and 2010 if transfers had not been made under section 1 of this act.") [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill to simplify the transfer of title to condominium units (House, No. 1246).

Condominium titles.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Bill authorizing the town of Burlington to issue eight additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises, and two additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4048) [Local Approval Received] be scheduled for consideration by the House. Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Burlington,—alcoholic beverage licenses.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

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

Next sitting.

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.