

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Friday, November 28, 2008.

Met at six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mrs. Haddad of Somerset 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, in Whom we place our trust and hope, we live every moment of each day in Your presence. We believe that You have a constant personal interest and concern for us and our material and spiritual well-being. This morning, the religious spirit, good feelings and happy memories of Thanksgiving Day, yesterday, are still with us. The holiday reminds us that the annual observance is a time for sharing, for visiting, for giving and for helping others. The goodwill which the day brings with it also enables us to build more stable communities, institutions, neighborhoods and families. The common goal at this season of the year presents us with realistic goals for our society and for each other. Inspire us to work together as elected leaders in addressing all legislative and public policy matters in an objective, reasoned and mature manner.

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. Haddad), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Police Chief Terrence Cunningham on the occasion of his recognition by the Knox Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Terrence
Cunningham.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Lepper of Attleboro, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5154) of Harriette L. Chandler and Robert A. Antonioni (by vote of the town) that the town of Clinton be authorized to issue additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Clinton,
alcoholic
beverages.

Auburn,
town
charter.

By Mr. Frost of Auburn, joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5155) of Paul K. Frost and Edward M. Augustus, Jr. (by vote of the town) for legislation to make certain changes in the charter of the town of Auburn; and

Littleton,
pension
bonds.

By Mr. Hall of Westford, joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5156) of Geoffrey D. Hall and Pamela P. Resor (by vote of the town) that the town of Littleton be authorized to issue pension obligation bonds and notes;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Milford,
Anthony F.
Dinis.

By Mr. Fernandes of Milford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5157) of John V. Fernandes (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize Anthony F. Dinis to take the civil service test for the position of police officer in the town of Milford, notwithstanding the maximum age requirements. To the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Tolls and
gasoline
tax.

By Mr. Linsky of Natick, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and others for legislation to eliminate tolls on certain roadways and provide an increase in the tax on gasoline.

John
Chappell, Jr.,
retirement credit.

By Mr. Nyman of Hanover, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert J. Nyman for legislation to authorize the State Retirement Board to grant certain creditable service to John A. Chappell, Jr., for retirement purposes.

Toll
increases,
regulating.

By Mr. Walsh of Lynn, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven M. Walsh and others that the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority be prohibited from revising tolls on certain roadways in the Commonwealth.

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

Order.

Next
sitting.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at one o'clock P.M.

At nine minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Tuesday next at one o'clock P.M., in an Informal Session.