

IN JOINT SESSION.

Thursday, June 14, 2007.

*Joint Session of the Two Houses to Consider
Specific Amendments to the Constitution.*

At eight minutes past one o'clock P.M., the two Houses met in

Joint
Session.

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and were called to order by the Honorable Therese Murray, President of the Senate.

The President, members, guests and employees then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

The Proposal for an Initiative amendment to the Constitution to define marriage (see Senate, No. 2220 of 2007) [see House, No. 4617 of 2006] was read, the question being on again agreeing to the amendment.

Constitution,—
definition of
marriage.

The Proposal was as follows:—

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

When recognizing marriages entered into after the adoption of this amendment by the people, the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall define marriage only as the union of one man and one woman.

The question on again agreeing to the amendment was taken by a call of the yeas and nays, as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution, at nine minutes past one o'clock P.M., as follows, to wit (yeas 45 — nays 151) [**Senate Yeas and Nays No. 46**] [**House Yeas and Nays No. 103**]:

YEAS — (45).

Senators.

Brown, Scott P.
Creedon, Robert S., Jr.
Hedlund, Robert L.

Moore, Richard T.
Panagiotakos, Steven C. — 5.

Representatives.

Ayers, Bruce J.
Barrows, F. Jay
Binienda, John J.
Campbell, Linda Dean
Casey, Paul C.

Correia, Robert
Creedon, Geraldine
Curran, Sean
deMacedo, Viriato Manuel
Donato, Paul J.

Constitution,—
definition of
marriage.

Evangelidis, Lewis G.	Murphy, James M.
Fagan, James H.	Nangle, David M.
Flynn, David L.	Perry, Jeffrey Davis
Fresolo, John P.	Peterson, George N., Jr.
Frost, Paul K.	Petrolati, Thomas M.
Garry, Colleen M.	Poirier, Elizabeth A.
Gifford, Susan W.	Polito, Karyn E.
Greene, William G., Jr.	Rogeness, Mary S.
Hargraves, Robert S.	Rush, Michael F.
Humason, Donald F., Jr.	Scaccia, Angelo M.
Hynes, Frank M.	Smola, Todd M.
Kane, Michael F.	Spiliotis, Joyce A.
Lantigua, William	Timilty, Walter F.
Lepper, John A.	Tobin, A. Stephen
Miceli, James R.	Webster, Daniel K. — 40.

NAYS — (151).

Senators.

Antonioni, Robert A.	McGee, Thomas M.
Augustus, Edward M., Jr.	Menard, Joan M.
Baddour, Steven A.	Montigny, Mark C.
Barrios, Jarrett T.	Morrissey, Michael W.
Berry, Frederick E.	Murray, Therese
Brewer, Stephen M.	O'Leary, Robert A.
Buoniconti, Stephen J.	Pacheco, Marc R.
Candaras, Gale D.	Resor, Pamela
Chandler, Harriette L.	Rosenberg, Stanley C.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Spilka, Karen E.
Downing, Benjamin Brackett	Tarr, Bruce E.
Fargo, Susan C.	Timilty, James E.
Hart, John A., Jr.	Tisei, Richard R.
Havern, Robert A.	Tolman, Steven A.
Jehlen, Patricia D.	Tucker, Susan C.
Joyce, Brian A.	Walsh, Marian
Knapik, Michael R.	Wilkerson, Dianne — 34.

Representatives.

Alicea, Geraldo	Donelan, Christopher J.
Allen, Willie Mae	Driscoll, Joseph R., Jr.
Atkins, Cory	Eldridge, James B.
Balsler, Ruth B.	Fallon, Christopher G.
Bosley, Daniel E.	Falzone, Mark V.
Bradley, Garrett J.	Fennell, Robert F.
Brownsberger, William N.	Fernandes, John V.
Cabral, Antonio F. D.	Festa, Michael E.
Callahan, Jennifer M.	Finegold, Barry R.
Calter, Thomas J.	Flanagan, Jennifer L.
Canavan, Christine E.	Forry, Linda Dorcena
Canessa, Stephen R.	Fox, Gloria L.
Coakley-Rivera, Cheryl A.	Galvin, William C.
Conroy, Thomas P.	Gobi, Anne M.
Costello, Michael A.	Golden, Thomas A., Jr.
D'Amico, Steven J.	Grant, Mary E.
DeLeo, Robert A.	Guyer, Denis E.
Dempsey, Brian S.	Haddad, Patricia A.
DiMasi, Salvatore F.	Hall, Geoffrey D.
DiNatale, Stephen	Harkins, Lida E.

Hill, Bradford	Puppolo, Angelo J., Jr.
Honan, Kevin G.	Quinn, John F.
Jones, Bradley H., Jr.	Reinstein, Kathi-Anne
Kafka, Louis L.	Rice, Robert L., Jr.
Kaprielian, Rachel	Richardson, Pam
Kaufman, Jay R.	Rodrigues, Michael J.
Keenan, John D.	Rogers, John H.
Kennedy, Thomas P.	Ross, Richard J.
Khan, Kay	Rushing, Byron
Kocot, Peter V.	Sánchez, Jeffrey
Koczera, Robert M.	Sandlin, Rosemary
Koutoujian, Peter J.	Sannicandro, Tom
Kujawski, Paul	Scibak, John W.
Kulik, Stephen	Sciortino, Carl M., Jr.
LeDuc, Stephen P.	Smith, Stephen Stat
Linsky, David Paul	Smizik, Frank I.
L'Italien, Barbara A.	Speliotis, Theodore C.
Loscocco, Paul J.P.	Spellane, Robert P.
Malia, Elizabeth A.	Speranzo, Christopher N.
Mariano, Ronald	Stanley, Harriett L.
Marzilli, J. James, Jr.	Stanley, Thomas M.
McCarthy, Allen J.	Story, Ellen
McMurtry, Paul	Straus, William M.
Moran, Michael J.	Sullivan, David B.
Murphy, Charles A.	Swan, Benjamin
Murphy, Kevin M.	Toomey, Timothy J., Jr.
Natale, Patrick M.	Torrisi, David M.
Naughton, Harold P., Jr.	Turkington, Eric
Nyman, Robert J.	Turner, Cleon H.
O'Day, James J.	Vallee, James E.
O'Flaherty, Eugene L.	Wagner, Joseph F.
Patrick, Matthew C.	Wallace, Brian P.
Peake, Sarah K.	Walrath, Patricia A.
Pedone, Vincent A.	Walsh, Martin J.
Peisch, Alice Hanlon	Walsh, Steven M.
Petersen, Douglas W.	Walz, Martha M.
Petrucelli, Anthony	Welch, James T.
Pignatelli, William "Smitty"	Wolf, Alice K. — 117.
Provost, Denise	

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING — (3).

Representatives.

Atsalis, Demetrius J.	Verga, Anthony J. — 3.
St. Fleur, Marie P.	

The yeas and nays having been completed at sixteen minutes past one o'clock P.M., the amendment was not again agreed to, less than one-fourth of the members elected having voted in the affirmative.

A statement of Mr. Rogers of Norwood was spread upon the records of the Joint Session, as follows:

MADAM PRESIDENT: I would like to call to the attention of the Joint Session the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Verga of Gloucester, has informed me that he very regretfully cannot be present in the Chamber for today's Constitution Convention due to medical

Statement
concerning
Representative
Verga of
Gloucester.

concerns. Any roll calls that he may miss today will be due entirely to the reason stated.

Subsequent to the Joint Session Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable submitted a statement, as follows:

Statement of
Representative
Atsalis of
Barnstable.

MADAM PRESIDENT: I would like to have it spread upon the records of the Constitutional Convention that I was not present in the Chamber for today's Joint Session because I was unavoidably delayed when I was stuck in traffic on Route 3 between exits 11 and 15.

A statement of Mr. Rushing of Boston concerning Ms. St. Fleur of Boston was spread upon the records of the Joint Session, as follows:

Statement
concerning
Representative
St. Fleur of
Boston.

MADAM PRESIDENT: I would like to call to the attention of the Joint Session the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative St. Fleur of Boston, will not be present during today's Constitutional Convention due to the death of her father. Any roll calls that she may miss today will be due entirely to the reason stated.

Without action on the matters duly and constitutionally assigned for consideration, on motion of Ms. Menard, at seventeen minutes past one o'clock P.M., the Joint Session adjourned; and the Senate withdrew from the House Chamber, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.
