

# JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, April 14, 2008.

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:

Prayer.

Gracious God, we pause for a moment of personal reflection and prayer and to focus our thoughts and attention on You, Our Creator. Inspire us to keep Your ways and our religious and spiritual values in our minds and hearts as we respond to the many demands of our daily schedules. We believe that You give meaning, direction and purpose to our daily lives and activities as we struggle to address its complex and often emotional issues of today's society and our communities. Teach us to examine in a fair, objective, but critical manner the legislative suggestions of constituents and colleagues.

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

Pledge of allegiance.

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.

Great Barrington, validate election.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to validating the actions taken at a certain election held in the town of Great Barrington (House, No. 4673) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, April 11.

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

### Resolutions.

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

Braintree Choral Society. Saint Mary's girls ice hockey team.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Driscoll of Braintree) honoring the Braintree Choral Society;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Fennell of Lynn, Ehrlich of Melrose, Falzone of Saugus and Walsh of Lynn) honoring the 2007 Saint Mary's girls ice hockey team on their perfect season and Division I state championship;

Billerica Lodge of Elks.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Greene of Billerica) congratulating the Billerica Lodge of Elks #2071 on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary;

Stephen J. Rivard.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Chief Stephen J. Rivard on the occasion of his retirement; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Dr. Alan Oliff on his retirement as superintendent of schools in Weston;

Alan Oliff.

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

### Papers from the Senate.

#### Bills

To improve school campus air quality (Senate, No. 2628) (on Senate bill No. 2451);

School, air quality.

Relative to retirement benefits for Robert B. Noonan (Senate, No. 2629) (on Senate bill No. 1642); and

Robert B. Noonan, retirement.

Relative to bullying (Senate, No. 2637) (on Senate bill No. 2630);

Bullying.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

#### Bills

Further regulating the Essex Regional Retirement System (Senate, No. 2635) (on House bill printed as Senate bill No. 1540, changed); and

Essex regional retirement system.

Establishing a Board of Registration in Midwifery (Senate, No. 2636) (on Senate bill No. 1251);

Midwifery.

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.

### Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others for legislation to protect consumers in establishing rates for the costs of catastrophic insurance policies for homeowners. To the committee on Financial Services.

Homeowners insurance, rates.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others for legislation to regulate the release and parole of sex offenders and increasing the penalties for certain violations by such sex offenders. To the committee on Judiciary.

Sex offenders, restrictions.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor setting apart the second Monday of June as Massachusetts Non-profit Awareness Day. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Non-profit awareness day.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Haverhill, Brian  
Santarlaschi. By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing Brian Santarlaschi to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4462) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Mental health  
parity. By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill relative to mental health parity (House, No. 4423) ought to pass. 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 following matters be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Wine. Relative to the recorking of wine (Senate, No. 198); and

Northampton. Authorizing the city of Northampton to convert 5 seasonal licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises to annual (Senate, No. 2594); and

House bills

Open space. Relative to open space residential development (House, No. 1244);

Lodging houses. Relative to lodging houses (House, No. 1271);

Eminent domain. Relative to eminent domain takings (House, No. 1770);

Dentistry. Relative to volunteer dentistry (House, No. 2268);

Route 116. Designating Route 116 as a scenic byway corridor (House, No. 3550);

Westford. Relative to the Westford police (House, No. 4463); and

Dartmouth. Exempting the position of deputy chief of police in the town of Dartmouth from the provisions of civil service law (House, No. 4464);

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

#### *Engrossed Bills.*

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Bills enacted. Exempting all positions in the department of public works in the city known as the town of Franklin from the civil service law (see House, No. 4103); and

Authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the town of Natick (see House, No. 4401);

(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.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

Third reading bill. The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kathryn McGaffey, an employee of the Department of Social Services (Senate, No. 2447), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

House bills

Relative to town meeting votes in the town of Lexington (House, No. 1958); and

Relative to notices of town meetings in the town of Lexington (House, No. 4261);

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.

#### *Order.*

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

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At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Lepper of Attleboro (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.