

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, January 17, 2006.

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:

God of Goodness and Truth, we pause for a moment to think about You, Our Creator, our relationship with You and the importance of human and spiritual values in our daily life. Your assistance helps us to comprehend and understand the many and various issues which concern the people in our diverse communities. Inspire us to build trust and confidence in each other, in each other's integrity and in our concern for the common good as we struggle to protect the rights and dignity of all. Your gift of wisdom enables us to evaluate correctly the proposals and views of others in our role as legislators.

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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Correia of Fall River, Quinn of Dartmouth, Rodrigues of Westport, Canessa of New Bedford and Fagan of Taunton) congratulating Kenneth R. Rezendes on fifty years of dedicated service to the people of the Greater Fall River area;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating Neal Akmal Moawed upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Lepper of Attleboro and Poirier of North Attleborough) in recognition of Detective Lieutenant Kenneth D. Collins' exemplary public service to the city of Attleboro;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Lepper of Attleboro and Poirier of North Attleborough) in recognition of Patrolman Stephen Shepard's exemplary public service to the city of Attleboro; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Walz of Boston) on the occasion of the retirement of Gabriel Campos;

Mrs. Harkins of Needham, 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. deMacedo of Plymouth, 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:

Personal
trainers,
licensing.

By Mr. Casey of Winchester, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dianne Doherty relative to the licensing of personal trainers by the Board of Allied Health Professions.

Salisbury,
flooding.

By Mr. Costello of Newburyport, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael A. Costello relative to a certain appropriation for flood prevention in the town of Salisbury.

Amesbury,
Lieutenant
Hines Bridge.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael A. Costello for legislation to designate a certain bridge over the Merrimack River in the town of Amesbury as the Lieutenant Derek S. Hines Memorial Bridge.

Michael
McCarthy,
retirement.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael A. Costello that the State Board of Retirement be directed to grant certain credit to Michael McCarthy for services rendered to the International Trade Council.

Disabled
veterans,
taxes.

By Mr. Donato of Medford (by request), petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joseph Centrella relative to real estate tax abatements in cities and towns for certain disabled veterans.

Somerville,
easement.

By Mr. Sciortino of Somerville, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carl M. Sciortino, Jr., and Patricia D Jehlen that the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to release a portion of a certain water supply and drain easement in the city of Somerville.

Minors,
marriage.

By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) 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.

Funeral
processions,
flashing
lights.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter J. Koutoujian for legislation to authorize the use of flashing lights on motor vehicles leading funeral processions.

Municipal
risk pool,
group
insurance.

By Mr. Speranzo of Pittsfield, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christopher N. Speranzo for legislation to establish a "municipal risk pool" under the Group Insurance Commission for health insurance coverage for employees of cities and towns.

Middlesex
Hospital,
land
conveyance.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas M. Stanley and others that the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to transfer a certain parcel of land under the control of the Middlesex County Hospital to the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, adopted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under suspension of the Rules, on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth, as follows:

Joint
convention.

Ordered, That a convention of the two branches be held at seven o'clock P.M., on Wednesday, January 18, 2006, for the purpose of receiving such communication as the Governor, Mitt Romney, may be pleased to make to them, relating to the concerns of the Commonwealth.

Pending the question on adoption of the order, in concurrence, Mr. DiMasi of Boston moved that it be amended by striking out the words "seven o'clock" and inserting in place thereof the word "six-thirty".

The amendment was adopted; and the order, as amended, also was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Reports

Of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspections of certain correctional facilities in the Commonwealth, severally were spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Correctional
facilities,
inspection
reports.

Of the Bay State Correctional Center, in the town of Norfolk;

Of the Bridgewater State Hospital, in the town of Bridgewater; and

Of the Old Colony Correctional Center, in the town of Bridgewater;

Severally were spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Petrucci of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill relative to the election of town meeting member in the town of Burlington (House, No. 4556, changed by striking out, in line 2, the following: "section 6" and inserting in place thereof the following: "sections 4 and 5", and by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words "adding the following sentence" and inserting in place thereof the words "inserting after the last sentence") [Local Approval Received].

Burlington,
town
meeting.

By Mr. Verga of Gloucester, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill allowing widows of veterans to retain ownership of veterans' plates (House, No. 1706, changed by striking out, in line 1, the word "Massachusetts", by striking out, in line 2, the figure: "2002" and inserting in place thereof the figure: "2004", and by adding at the end thereof the following: "provided that the surviving spouse does not remarry").

Veterans
plates.

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

By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Samuel Russell, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 4569). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Samuel
Russell,
sick leave
bank.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following matters be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Quincy,
city
councilor.

The Senate Bill authorizing part-time employment at Quincy College by city councilors of the city of Quincy (Senate, No. 2033) [Local Approval Received]; and

Autistic
children.

House bills

To address the special education needs of children with autism spectrum disorder (House, No. 1123);

child
abuse.

Relative to the mandatory reporting of child abuse (House, No. 3868);

Bourne Water
District.

Relative to the Bourne water district's enabling act (House, No. 4459) [Local Approval Received]; and

Martha's
Vineyard.

Authorizing the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District to lease certain land (House, No. 4574);

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

Engrossed Bills.

Bills
enacted.

Engrossed bills

Relative to the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District (see Senate, No. 2317, amended) (which originated in the Senate); and

Authorizing Peter Jakub Jegorow to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (see House, No. 295) (which 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.

Order.

Next
sitting.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

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

At twenty-nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Correia of Fall River (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.