

Tuesday, May 8, 2007.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Rushing of Boston 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 begin today's legislative session by prayerfully directing our attention and thoughts to You, Our Creator and Ultimate Destiny. Consequently we believe that You inspire us to make decisions and choices which give meaning to and provide definite goals for our daily being. Your assistance also helps us to select those options which enables us to comprehend more clearly the issues of the moment. As a society we look for excellence on all levels of daily life. Help us achieve excellence in following faithfully Your ways, values and principles.

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

Pledge of allegiance.

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

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Colrain,—  
recall  
elections.

By Mr. Guyer of Dalton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4013) of Denis E. Guyer (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide for the recall of elected public officials of the town of Colrain. To the committee on Election Laws.

Cohasset,—  
water  
services.

By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4014) of Garrett J. Bradley and Robert L. Hedlund (by vote of the town) that the town of Cohasset be authorized to provide water services to certain cities, towns and water companies; and

Provincetown,—  
easement.

By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4015) of Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) that the town of Provincetown be authorized to grant a certain easement on Rear Bradford Street in said town;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Boston,—  
police  
age.

By Mr. Wallace of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4016) of Brian P. Wallace (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the appointment of police officers in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirements. To the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Papers from the Senate.*

## Reports

Of the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1227) of Robert A. Havern for legislation relative to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1282) of Richard T. Moore for legislation to establish a reinsurance program to protect consumers of small group health insurance,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing. Health insurance.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2224) of Robert O'Leary and Eric Turkington (by vote of the town of Nantucket) for legislation to approve the conveyance of property by the county of Nantucket; and Nantucket,— land conveyance.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2225) of Robert O'Leary and Eric Turkington (by vote of the town of Nantucket) for legislation to approve the town of Nantucket to use, or to sell, convey or otherwise dispose of certain land situated in the town of Nantucket for any lawful purpose; Nantucket land,— lawful purpose.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2226) of Robert O'Leary and Eric Turkington (by vote of the town of Nantucket) for legislation to further clarify the Nantucket Islands Land Bank Act regarding real property interests subject to the land bank act's transfer fee. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Nantucket Islands,— land bank.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2227) of Robert O'Leary and Eric Turkington (by vote of the town of Nantucket) for legislation to approve the Nantucket Islands land bank and the town of Nantucket to use, or to sell, convey or otherwise dispose of certain land situated in the town of Nantucket for any lawful. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Nantucket Island,— land bank conveyance.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Rodrigues of Westport, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 229) of Christopher G. Fallon for legislation to establish a car buyer bill of rights,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy; Car buyers,— rights.

By Mr. Costello of Newburyport, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2230) of John F. Quinn to study the safety of political sign holders on public roadways,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Election Laws; and Politics,— sign holders.

Surplus property.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3770) of David L. Flynn and others relative to further regulating the development of underused state-owned real property and the disposition of state-owned surplus real property,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

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

By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the following bills ought to pass:

Collective bargaining.

Bill relative to written majority authorization cards, petitions and other written evidence of collective bargaining results (House, No. 2465); and

Data breaches,— security.

Bill relative to security freezes and notification of data breaches (House, No. 4012);

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

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matters be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, they were 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:

Newton,— housing authority.

Senate bills

Relative to the Newton Community Development Authority and the Newton Housing Authority (Senate, No. 1162) [Local Approval Received];

Bourne,— charter.

Relative to the charter of the town of Bourne (Senate, No. 1177) [Local Approval Received]; and

MWRA,— sale of land.

Relative to the sale of land by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (Senate, No. 2179, amended); and

House bills

Municipalities,— health care funds.

To establish retiree health care liability funds for municipalities (House, No. 1140);

Rehoboth,— agriculture council.

Establishing the Rehoboth agricultural and natural resources preservation council (House, No. 2032) [Local Approval Received];

Provincetown,— playground land.

Relative to certain playground land in the town of Provincetown (House, No. 3754) [Local Approval Received];

Provincetown,— High Pole Hill.

Relative to the relocation and alteration of the layout of High Pole Hill Road in the town of Provincetown (House, No. 3755) [Local Approval Received];

Chatham,— leases.

Authorizing the town of Chatham to lease certain buildings (House, No. 3952) [Local Approval Received]; and

Orleans,— land lease.

Authorizing the town of Orleans to lease certain town land (House, No. 3990); [Local Approval Received].

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

By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Weymouth to make conveyance and sale of certain water supply land (House, No. 1975) [Local Approval Received].

Weymouth,—  
land  
conveyance.

By Mr. Turkington of Falmouth, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on the joint petition, a Bill relative to the Jacob Sears Memorial Library (House, No. 3787).

Sears  
Library.

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

*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 ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Rushing of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.