

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 3, 2008.

Met at ten minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Smizik of Brookline 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, we look to You for guidance as we begin to organize our legislative and personal agenda for the Second Annual Session of the 185th General Court. As elected representatives of the people, we pray for the wisdom and patience to listen objectively to the concerns and needs of all people in our own districts and in the Commonwealth. Inspire us to be leaders who articulate and clarify the complex legislative issues for the voters in these uneasy times. May our hearts and minds be filled with enthusiasm, confidence and hope as we all work together for the common good of all. Teach us to continue to hold in the highest esteem the dignity and the civil, human and religious rights of all.

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

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Smizik), 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. Kafka of Stoughton and Galvin of Canton) commending Joseph Patrick Walsh of Stoughton Boy Scout Troop 88 on earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Linsky of Natick and Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Evan Rea on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America";

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peake of Provincetown) recognizing William Hooper for his career in the National Park Service;

Resolutions (filed by Representative Walsh of Boston and other members of the House) congratulating Cornelious Patrick Bulman, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Webster of Hanson) congratulating Mr. Michael A. Valenti on the occasion of his retirement from the Pembroke's Department of Public Works;

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

Paper from the Senate.

Greenhouse gas initiative.

A Bill providing for participation in the regional greenhouse gas initiative (Senate, No. 2456, amended in section 3, in line 57, by inserting after the word "secretary" the following: "... provided, however, that the division shall report annually, not later than December 31, to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on natural resources, Environment and Agriculture and the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the distribution of money from the fund pursuant to this clause", and in section 4 by adding the following sentence: "The department and the division shall provide a draft of these regulations to the clerks of the house and senate, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on natural resources, environment and agriculture and the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than 30 days before the date on which the regulation goes into effect.") (on Senate No. 2422), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reports of Committees.

Behavior analysts.

By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, for the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2244) of John W. Scibak and others relative to behavior analysts,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Mentally retarded persons.

Of the Bill establishing an independent office of quality assurance for mentally retarded persons (House, No. 136);

Youth development.

Of the Bill to establish an office of youth development (House, No. 143);

Disabled persons.

Of the Bill relative to the authority of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission pursuant to Chapter 19C (House, No. 2081);

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Of the Bill relative to the definition of disabled person as used by the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (House, No. 2082); and

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Of the Bill relative to the authority of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission pursuant to Chapter 19C (House, No. 2083);

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Ways and Means.

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

Public health, study.

By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, for the committee on Public Health, on House, Nos. 803, 2053, 2067, 2086, 2088, 2135, 2143, 2192 and 2198, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on

Public Health to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning lead paint abatements, emergency registered nurses, funerals, dentists and oral health (House, No. 4451).

State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, study.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, Nos. 51 and 3175, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and the official vegetable of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4452).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of said orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill requiring the reporting of autism by persons examining or treating such disease (House, No. 2048).

Autism, reporting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further regulating early childhood immunizations (House, No. 2049).

Children, immunizations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further regulating the issuance of death certificate (House, No. 2076).

Death certificates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to reciprocity (House, No. 2104).

Emergency medical technicians.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to mechanical cardiopulmonary resuscitation devices (House, No. 2106).

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to defibrillators (House, No. 2112).

Defibrillators.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to access to epinephrine in schools (House, No. 2130).

Epinephrine, schools.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2087 and 2162, a Bill relative to health care providers and first responders education (House, No. 2162).

Health care providers, training.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to increase the presence of dental hygienists on the Board of Registration in Dentistry (House, No. 2180).

Hygienists, appointments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Commission on End of Life Care (House, No. 2204).

End of life care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Aspergers Syndrome (House, No. 2208).

Asperger s Syndrome.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to firefighters (House, No. 2232).

Fire fighters.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2132 and 2269, a Bill relative to the registration of podiatrists (House, No. 2269).

Podiatrists, registration.

Group

insurance,
benefits.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill further regulating group insurance benefits for state employees and retired state employees (House, No. 2455).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

West
Roxbury,
Reverend
Phinn Way.

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain street in the city of Boston as Reverend Paul A. Phinn Way (House, No. 3620).

Everett,
Connolly
memorial
rotary,
Franklin,
Sergeant
Pirelli Rink.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain traffic rotary in the town of Everett as the Edward G. Connolly memorial rotary (House, No. 3634).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain ice rink in the town of Franklin as the Sergeant Robert Pirelli Veterans Memorial Rink (House, No. 4354).

Somerset,
administrator.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the town of Somerset (House, No. 4402) [Local Approval Received].

Matthew
Charleson,
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Matthew Charleson, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4436).

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

Orders of the Day.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill authorizing Brendan Gormley to take the civil service examination for firefighter in the town of Arlington (House, No. 4142) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

Next
sitting.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At nineteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hynes of Marshfield (Mr. Smizik of Brookline being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.