

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, February 21, 2006.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Petrucci 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.

Eternal God, we depend upon You, Your guidance and direction as we analyze and address the many often complex, legislative and public daily issues which come before us. As elected leaders help us to recognize and to comprehend correctly both the present and the future needs of all people in our diverse communities. Teach us, also, to be fully aware of the material and spiritual concerns of those constituents who depend upon others for their personal daily survival. Inspire us to select our legislative options which are fair, prudent, ethical and serve the best interests of the people and our society. Grant us the courage to remain faithful to our ideals, principles, beliefs and material and spiritual values.

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. Petrucci), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### *Message from the Governor — Bill Returned with Recommendation of Amendment.*

Northern Berkshire, industrial development.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill amending the law establishing the Northern Berkshire Industrial Park and Development Corporation [see House, No. 4376, amended] (for message, see House, No. 4698) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday February 17.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was thereupon "before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment".

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by His Excellency, the bill was referred, on motion of Mr. Bosley of North Adams, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

### *Resolutions.*

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

Russell Connor, Jr.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Peterson of Grafton) recognizing Russell Connor, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement;

Laurel Hinds.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Canavan of Brockton, Kennedy of Brockton and Creedon of Brockton) congratulating Laurel Hinds on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Gomes of Harwich) posthumously honoring Phillip Rollins for his career of dedicated public service and leadership; and

Phillip Rollins.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hargraves of Groton) congratulating Ed Guerard on his thirty-six years of service to the people and churches of the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts;

Ed Guerard.

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. Rush 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.

### *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 petition of William Smitty Pignatelli and others for legislation to provide benefits for surviving spouses of certain state police officers. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Rush of Boston, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

State police, survivor benefits.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children and Families to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning children in need of services and other related matters (House, No. 4561) reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2828) of Christopher G. Fallon and others relative to repealing certain sections of the law regarding the CHINS system,— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Children and Families. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

CHINS system.

By Mr. Rodrigues of Westport, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, Nos. 603, 604, 1594, 1596, 1597, 1598, 1599, 1600, 1601, 1604, 1605, 1607, 3751, 3752, 3756, 3758, 3760, 3761, 3762, 3768, 3773, 3774, 3776, 3777, 3778, 3787, 3789, 3791, 3794, 3798, 3801, 3809, 3811, 3820, 3938, 3941, 3942 and 4066, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning unemployment insurance, worker's compensation and other miscellaneous subjects (House, No. 4699).

Unemployment employment, study.

By Mr. Correia of Fall River, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on House, Nos. 1496, 2919 and 2920, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Elder Affairs to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning elder issues (House, No. 4700).

Elder issues, study.

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.

*Engrossed Bills.*

Engrossed bills

Relative to certain motor vehicle violations (see Senate, No. 2132, amended) (which originated in the Senate);

Further regulating meetings of municipal boards (see House, No. 4489, amended); and

Authorizing the town of Westborough to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4559);

(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.*

The Senate Bill relative to disability retirement benefits for certain employees who contract cancer (Senate, No. 2257) (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, in concurrence.

House bills

Relative to judges and registers of probate (House, No. 4251, amended);

Establishing a sick leave bank for John Lavoie, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4566, changed) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Ellen E. Briggs, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 4634);

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.

The House Bill relative to consumer protection (House, No. 4504) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the bill; and the report was accepted.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Messrs. Golden of Lowell and Torrisi of North Andover moved that it

be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4701), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill relative to disability retirement benefits for certain employees who contract cancer (see Senate, No. 2257) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Order.*

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 three minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Golden of Lowell (Mr. Petruccelli of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

Bills  
enacted.

Third  
reading  
bill.

Third  
reading  
bills.

Consumer  
protection.

Bill  
enacted.

Next  
sitting.