

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Friday, March 18, 2005.

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:

Gracious God, we place our trust and hope in You and in Your ways for achieving success in our daily living. Your presence in our midst and Your personal concern for our well-being enables us to face our daily responsibilities and numerous opportunities for helping others with confidence and enthusiasm. In this era of constant change and innovation, guide our efforts to meet the current needs and reasonable expectations of all people, from the youngest child to the oldest senior in our communities. Grant us the wisdom to propose legislation and programs which assist people to achieve their personal goals, personal fulfillment and the ultimate purpose for which they have been created by You. Prayer.

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. Pledge of allegiance.

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

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill establishing the office of collector-treasurer in the town of Swansea [see House, No. 139] (for message, see House, No. 1723) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, March 16. Swansea, Collector-treasurer.

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 Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, 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:

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Candaras of Wilbraham) congratulating Mr. and Mrs. George J. Hellyar on the occasion of their sixtieth wedding anniversary; George and Eleanor Hellyar.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Miceli of Wilmington, Murphy of Burlington, Natale of Woburn and Jones of North Reading) memori- Federal preemption of railroads.

alizing the Congress of the United States to reform the federal pre-emption of railroads to better serve state and local interests in the management of solid wastes and related infrastructure;

Stanley Rabinovitz.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Smizik of Brookline) honoring Stanley Rabinovitz;

Springfield, Girlfriends, Inc.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Swan of Springfield) in celebration of the seventieth anniversary of the Greater Springfield Chapter of Girlfriends, Inc.; and

North Andover High School, wrestling team.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Torrisi of North Andover and L'Italien of Andover) congratulating the Scarlet Knights wrestling team of North Andover High School on the occasion of their Division II championship victory;

Mrs. Parente of Milford, 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 Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communication.

Public safety personnel, fitness.

A communication from the Human Services Division of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (under the provisions of section 61A of Chapter 31 and section 5(3)(e) of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) submitting revisions to regulations for initial medical and physical fitness standards tests of municipal and public safety personnel (House, No. 1721) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center, inspection.

A report of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to an inspection of the Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center, in the town of Shirley, was spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Arlington, town counsel.

By Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill to remove the residency requirement for the town counsel of the town of Arlington (House, No. 35) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Marzilli of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Reading, easements.

By Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing conservation commission of the town of Reading to grant certain

easements (House, No. 36) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Golden of Lowell, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Waltham to construct a veterans memorial and community bandstand on Waltham Common and to install plaques honoring veterans and notable individuals and events in Waltham's History (House, No. 1719) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Veterans memorial, Waltham.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Marzilli of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 1448, a Bill relative to the minimum age for appointment as a police officer (House, No. 1722). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Police, minimum age.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Marzilli of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the appointment of Timothy Pacheco as a firefighter in the town of Arlington (House, No. 33) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Third reading bills.

Authorizing the town of Arlington to transfer certain funds (House, No. 34) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee 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 on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.