

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 20, 2006.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Ms. Candaras of Wilbraham 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 pause for a moment, on this first day of Spring, to offer to You a prayer of thanks for our daily material and spiritual blessings. We believe that You and Your guidance enable us to address, in a just, right and ethical manner, our legislative and personal choices and decisions. In Your goodness, help us to respond thoughtfully to the pressing needs of the people in our diverse districts and to anticipate, to the best of our ability, the needs of future generations in this changing and competitive world. In resolving issues and in formulating policies, inspire us to be guided by traditional principles and values which offer us personal peace, happiness and fulfillment.

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

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Candaras), the members, guests and employees joined with her 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 Representatives Gobi of Spencer and Smola of Palmer) congratulating Anna Piche on the occasion of her one hundred and ninth birthday; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) congratulating Colin T. Kramer of Plainville on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, 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.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports of the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 343) of Richard T. Moore relative to high school civics requirement;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 368) of Bruce E. Tarr, Bradford Hill, Anthony J. Verga, Brian P. Lees, and other

members of the General Court for legislation to establish a program of instruction of the flag of the United States;

Diplomas,
civic seal.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1016) of Elizabeth A. Poirier relative to the awarding of diplomas for civics education by the Board of Education;

High school
civics.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1057) of Michael F. Rush and others relative to requiring the teaching of civics in all public elementary and high schools in the Commonwealth;

Schools,
civics
education.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1105) of Harriett L. Stanley and others for legislation to provide civics education in schools; and

Secondary
education.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1178) of James M. Thiverge relative to mandating the teaching of government courses in secondary education in the Commonwealth;

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

Severally accepted by the Senate, insomuch as relates to the discharge of the committees, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Lynn,
building
maintenance.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2415) of Thomas M. McGee, Douglas W. Petersen, Robert F. Fennell, Steven M. Walsh and other members of the General Court (with approval of mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the maintenance and repairs of all city of Lynn owned buildings within the city of Lynn. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Quincy,
pension fund
bonds.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2414) of Michael W. Morrissey, Ronald Mariano, A. Stephen Tobin and Bruce J. Ayers (with approval of mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the issuance of pension funding bonds by the city of Quincy. To the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

Natick,
home of
champions.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill designating Natick as the home of champions (House, No. 3489),— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Land,
study.

By Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, on Senate, Nos. 36, 52, 56, 57, 500 and 519 and House, Nos. 1304, 1368, 1401, 1422, 1428, 1429, 1434, 1435, 3417, 3418, 3419, 3420, 3424, 3429, 3431, 3432, 3434, 3435, 3436, 3437, 3671, 3853, 3855, 3856 and 4500, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning parks and recreation land, surplus land and easements and other related matters (House, No. 4770) [Sena-

ture Moore dissenting]. 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, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on Senate, Nos. 184, 192, 236, 237, 251 and 2058 and House, Nos. 1437, 1438, 1439, 1441, 1443, 1445, 1446, 2797, 3691 and 3700, a Bill relative to the protection of personal information (House, No. 4775).

Personal
information,
protection.

By Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to county highways in the town of Granville (House, No. 2033).

Granville,
county
highways.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to reform the civil process system (House, No. 3580).

Civil process
system.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the abolition of Suffolk County (House, No. 3586).

Suffolk County,
abolition.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the purchase of real property by the Barnstable County Retirement Association (House, No. 3597, changed in lines 3, 4 and 5, by striking out the words “established by the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission, which said Commission shall not withhold or delay to frustrate the provisions of this legislation” and inserting in place thereof the words “and whereas the Retirement Board has determined the purchase is within the guidelines as a suitable investment for the county”, and in line 13, by inserting after the word “purchased”, the following: “in accordance with M. G. L. chapter 30B”).

Barnstable
County
Retirement
Association.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

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

The Senate Bill amending the law regulating licensing of hospital beds (Senate, No. 2141); and

Hospital
beds.

House bills

Relative to the composition of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Board of Directors (House, No. 3889);

Water Resources
Authority.

Increasing the maximum amount that may be imposed by fines for violations of ordinances in the city of Boston (House, No. 4418) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,
fines.

Authorizing the town of Burlington to accept certain streets (House, No. 4486) [Local Approval Received];

Burlington,
streets.

Relative to certain housing in the town of Westborough (printed in House, No. 4609);

Westborough,
housing.

Validating certain orders passed by the Barnstable town council (House, No. 4627); and

Barnstable,
validate acts.

Cherry Valley
and
Rochdale.

Relative to the boundaries of the Cherry Valley and Rochdale Water District (House, No. 4677);

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

Natick
Armory,
land
transfer.

By Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1426) of David Paul Linsky and others for legislation to authorize the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey property in the town of Natick used as a National Guard armory to said town.

Tewksbury,
state
property.

By the same member, for the same committee, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3427) of James R. Miceli relative to the disposition of state-owned property in the town of Tewksbury.

Bridgewater,
land.

By the same member, for the same committee, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3851) of David L. Flynn and Marc R. Pacheco for legislation to dedicate certain lands in the town of Bridgewater, under control of the Department of Correction, for conservation, agriculture, open space and passive recreational purposes.

Regional
tourism
fund.

By Mr. Turkington of Falmouth, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1687) of Peter J. Larkin and Mary E. Grant relative to the regional tourism facilities fund.

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, the question, in each instance, being on acceptance.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Next
sitting.

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

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Paulsen of Belmont (Ms. Candaras of Wilbraham being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.