

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 21, 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:

God, Our Creator, this week, Holy Week, has a special religious significance and personal meaning for many Christian believers around the world. The week is an occasion for personal and public prayer, personal reflection and an evaluation of personal goals, priorities and values. The religious spirit of the week enables us to consider and to think through carefully the many current emotional, complex and ethical issues which we face as individuals and as a society we pray that our hearts and minds will be filled with Your gifts of peace and wisdom as we address the needs of people and our communities in these changing times. 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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. LeDuc of Marlborough) in recognition of the athletic trainers of Massachusetts; Athletic trainers.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. O'Brien of Kingston and deMacedo of Plymouth) congratulating Frank A. Randall on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday; Frank A. Randall.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Paulsen of Belmont) congratulating Benjamin Moriarty Oven upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout; and Benjamin Moriarty Oven.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives St. Fleur of Boston, Fox of Boston, Walsh of Boston and Malia of Boston) celebrating the three hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the First Parish Church in Dorchester; First Parish Church in Dorchester.

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

*Special Report.*Early
education
and care.

A special report of the committee on Education (under Section 344 of Chapter 149 of the Acts of 2004, as amended by Section 16 of Chapter 6 of the Acts of 2005) relative to early education and care (House, No. 1724), was referred to the committee on Education. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Petitions.*Belmont,
town
meeting.

Mrs. Paulsen of Belmont presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1725) of Anne M. Paulsen and Steven A. Tolman (by vote of the town) relative to representative town meetings in the town of Belmont; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Lopes
Overpass.

Mr. Canessa of Lakeville presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Stephen R. Canessa relative to designating the Andre Lopes Overpass in the city of New Bedford as the Andre Lopes Korean War Veteran Overpass; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

*Reports of Committees.*Student
nutrition.

By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, for the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1102) of Kay Khan and others relative to requiring school districts to develop policies on nutrition and physical activity,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Children and Families; and

Seat belt
law.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 229) of Daniel F. Keenan and others relative to primary enforcement of the motor vehicle safety belt law,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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

*Orders of the Day.*Swansea,
collector-
treasurer.

The engrossed Bill establishing the office of collector-treasurer in the town of Swansea (see House, No. 139) (which had been returned to the House by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment) (for message, see House, No. 1723), was considered.

The amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor then was adopted in the following form (as approved by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading):

By striking out section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on April 12, 2005.”.

Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

House bills

Authorizing conservation commission of the town of Reading to grant certain easements (House, No. 36); and

Reading,
easements.

Authorizing the city of Waltham to construct a veterans memorial and community bandstand and to install certain plaques on the open space land (House, No. 1719) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Veterans
memorial,
Waltham.

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.

The House Bill relative to the minimum age for appointment as a police officer (House, No. 1722), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Police,
minimum
age.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Lepper of Attleboro moved that it be amended by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to allow certain persons to take the civil service examination for police officer, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 1722, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measure.

Mr. Petruccelli of Boston being in the Chair,— the engrossed Bill relative to the minimum age for appointment as a police officer (see House, No. 1722, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Police,
minimum
age.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 7 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Arlington to transfer certain funds (see House, No. 34) (which originated in the House), 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.

Bill
enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Next
sitting.

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

At eight minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Lepper of Attleboro (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.