

# JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, April 22, 2004.

Met at ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. DiMasi of Boston in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. DiMasi), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to authorizing the town of Weston to appropriate from the community preservation fund (House, No. 4687) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, April 21.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Taxation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

### Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown and other members of the House) on the occasion of the day of remembrance for the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham) recognizing Multiple Sclerosis Week;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Naughton of Clinton) honoring John T. Mahan;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vallee of Franklin) honoring the Franklin Flyers Squirt II ice hockey team on their recent state championship; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Walsh of Boston) congratulating Joseph "Joe" Sheehan on the occasion of his retirement;

Mrs. Harkins of Needham, 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. Spellane of Worcester, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

### Petition.

Mr. Torrisi of North Andover presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David M. Torrisi and Michael A. Costello relative to corporate credit unions; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

### Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Hall of Westford, for the committee on State Administration, on House, No. 4529, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land to the town of Whitman (House, No. 4688), which was read.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Teahan of Whitman, the bill was read a second and (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) a third time forthwith; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a recommitted petition, a Bill relative to the salary of the clerk-magistrate of the Barnstable District Court (House, No. 173). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

### Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill providing for cigarette escrow compliance (see House, No. 4327, 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.

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 6 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

### Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marguerite McWhinnie, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2198, amended) (which originated in the Senate), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The engrossed Bill designating the former administration building at Tewksbury Hospital as the Richard P. Morris Building (see House, No. 4567) (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.

Whitman Armory, conveyance.

Barnstable, clerk-magistrate salary.

Cigarette escrow.

Bill enacted.

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Pledge of allegiance.

Weston, community preservation fund.

Armenian Genocide.

Multiple Sclerosis.

John T. Mahan.

Franklin Flyers.

Joseph Sheehan.

Corporate credit unions.

*Orders of the Day.*

Third  
reading  
bills.

House bills  
Relative to damages for harmed assistance animals (House, No. 2829);  
Validating the special town election held in the town of Goshen  
(printed in House, No. 4244); and  
Relative to voting precincts in the town of Amherst (printed in  
House, No. 4421);  
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.

Second  
reading  
bill.

The Senate Bill relative to the computerization of the examina-  
tion for certification for the practice of public accountancy (Senate,  
No. 2210, amended) was read a second time; and it was ordered to a  
third reading.

*Order.*

Next  
sitting.

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

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At twenty-six minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of  
Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. DiMasi of Boston being in the Chair),  
the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at ten o'clock A.M.