

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, May 20, 2004.

Met according to adjournment, at one o'clock P. M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Nyman of Hanover 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, the Ultimate Source of Truth and Compassion, we pause for a moment to reflect on spiritual realities and to acknowledge Your presence in our midst. We depend upon You and Your assistance in our efforts to have a successful day and to comprehend and address the complex legislative issues which we face daily. Help us to evaluate accurately the huge amount of data and information which often accompanies proposed legislation. Inspire us to be leaders who examine carefully the signs of the times, protect the common good and hold in high esteem our basic institutions which hold together our communities.

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

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Nyman), the members, guests and employees joined with him 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 Mr. Assalis of Barnstable and other members of the House) congratulating the Cape and Islands Emergency Medical Services System, Inc.;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Coppola of Foxborough, Poirier of North Attleborough, Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating Benjamin J. Cuneo on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Donato of Medford and Fallon of Malden) commending International Training in Communication;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Gomes of Harwich) honoring Phyllis Little Mason for being awarded "Citizen of the Year";

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Paulsen of Belmont) congratulating the Belmont Dramatic Club on one hundred years of performances;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Nicholas Burns;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Peisch of Wellesley and LeDuc of Marlborough) congratulating John Jacobs on the occasion of his retirement;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Jeanne Lukkas;

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Resolutions (filed by Mr. Stanley of Waltham) congratulating Anthony Michael Russo on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Walrath of Stow) congratulating Patricia Lawson on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Walrath of Stow) congratulating Kaitlin Pendergast on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of America; and

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Walrath of Stow) congratulating Katrina Scheiner on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of America;

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

Order.

On motion of Mr. Rogers of Norwood:

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to return the Senate Bill relative to certain distinctive registration plates (Senate, No. 2006, amended) to the Senate for the purpose of perfecting the text thereof; and be it further

Ordered, That, upon the return of said bill from the Senate, it shall be recommitted to the committee on Ways and Means.

Papers from the Senate.

The engrossed Bill relative to the Jacob Sears Memorial Library (see House, No. 3746, amended) came from the Senate with an amendment in lines 4 to 7, inclusive (as printed), striking out the following sentence (as engrossed): "At least 2 of the 3 trustees shall be residents of Quiver Neck and the remaining trustee shall be from the area of Dennis known as East Dennis."

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow, the amendment (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A Bill relative to certain distinctive registration plates (Senate, No. 2006, amended in section 1, in line 10, by inserting after the word "Teams" (as printed) the words "; the Old Colony for the purpose of restoring the Forefathers' monument", and in lines 15 and 16, by striking out the words "Basketball League; and Mini-Fenway Park, Inc. for the purpose of furthering youth participation in baseball" and inserting in place thereof the words "Baseball League; and Mini-Fenway Park, Inc."; and by adding at the end thereof the following three sections:

"SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the word "Star", in line 396, as

Emergency Medical Services.

Benjamin J. Cuneo.

Communication Training.

Phyllis Little Mason.

Belmont Dramatic Club.

Nicholas Burns.

John Jacobs.

Dennis, Sears Library.

Distinctive registration plates.

Kaitlin Pendergast.

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appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, the following words:— or Distinguished Flying Cross.

SECTION 3. Said section 2 of said chapter 90 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "star", in lines 402 and 403, as so appearing, the following words:— or Distinguished Flying Cross.

SECTION 4. The eighteenth paragraph of said section 2 of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:— The surviving spouse of a deceased recipient may elect to retain the distinctive registration plate and distinctive emblem for personal use upon payment of the established registration fee and an additional \$20 fee until such time as the spouse remarries or fails to renew or cancels the registration.") (on Senate, Nos. 1293, 1365 and 1388 and House, Nos. 804, 1176, 2118, 2129, 2653, 2655, 3022 and 3567), pursuant to an order adopted by the House this day, was recommended to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Taxation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning revenue and taxation matters in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4651), reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3910) of Eric Turkington and Robert A. O'Leary (by vote of the town) that the town of Nantucket be authorized to impose a tax on residential construction and use revenues generated for the benefit of community housing;— and recommending that the same be recommended to the committee on Taxation. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mrs. Owens-Hicks of Boston, for the committee on Local Affairs and Regional Government, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 186) of Demetrius J. Aisalis relative to the transfer of certain funds of the Barnstable Fire District;— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the discharge of the committee.

By Mrs. Parente of Milford, for the committee on Long-Term Debt and Capital Expenditures, that the residue of the Bill authorizing the funding of the production and modification of housing for people with disabilities (Senate, No. 734, amended) ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill providing for the improvement of court facilities in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4751) [Bond Issue: \$1,222,000,000.00]. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means with the amendment pending.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill relative to the Massachusetts Property Insurance Underwriting Association (House, No. 4672) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Rogers of Norwood, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill requiring continuing education for licensed plumbers and gas fitters acting in the capacity of a self-employed contractor (House, No. 549) ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill requiring continuing education for licensed plumbers and gas fitters (House, No. 4750).

By the same member, for the committee, that the Bill clarifying a minimum threshold for the purchase of existing renewable power for the purposes of the renewable portfolio standard regulation (House, No. 4293) ought to pass with certain amendments. Renewable
power.

Severally referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendments pending.

By Mr. Rogers of Norwood, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to transfer a certain parcel of conservation/recreation land within the town of Sandwich (Senate, No. 2117) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Sandwich,
land
transfer.

Orders of the Day.

House bills
Prohibiting discrimination against veterans in employment (House, No. 1053); Third
reading
file.

Eliminating the beautification fund of the town of Braintree (House, No. 4149); and
Authorizing the town of Marion to develop and maintain a subsidized housing plan for low and moderate income housing (House, No. 4631) (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. Finneran of Boston,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next
meeting.

At seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Paulsen of Belmont (Mr. Nymann of Hanover being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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Underwriting
Association.

Barnstable
Fire District.

Nantucket,
community
housing.