

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Friday, July 9, 2004.

Met at ten minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Tobin of Quincy 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:

Prayer.

God our Creator, we pause for this moment of prayer to think about You, spiritual values and the importance of Your guidance in personal and legislative matters. This moment of reflection enables us to consider our list of priorities and to evaluate pertinent legislative proposals. Your assistance helps us to make right, fair, ethical and difficult choices as we carry out our responsibilities. In resolving issues, teach us to be open to the differing views and opinions of others, but to remain committed to our own philosophical principles and religious beliefs. Inspire us as a society to join together in seeking and speaking truth.

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

Pledge of allegiance.

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

Paper from the Senate.

School Building Assistance Program.

The House Bill relative to the School Building Assistance Program (House, No. 4749) came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2407.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton, the amendment was considered forthwith.

Committee of conference.

The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendments, on further motion of the same member; and, on motion of Ms. Spilka of Ashland, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. The Speaker appointed Representatives Larkin of Pittsfield, Rogers of Norwood and Peterson as the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

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Subsequently the bill came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had insisted on its amendment; concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Murray, Antonioni and Tarr had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Utility service.

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, for the committee on Homeland Security and Federal Affairs, that the Bill to promote reliable and high

quality utility service in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4945) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

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

Senate bills

Authorizing the town of Hull to extend leases on Nantasket Pier and to borrow money for the construction of a certain marine or pier facility for a term of not to exceed 30 years (Senate, No. 2214, amended) [Local Approval Received]; and

Hull, Nantasket Pier.

Authorizing the town of Hull to extend the leases at Pemberton Pier (Senate, No. 2215, amended) [Local Approval Received];

Hull, Pemberton Pier.

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

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Rowe (House, No. 4772) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Rowe, recall elections.

Report of the committee on Election Laws, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2588) of Joseph F. Wagner, Thomas M. McGee, Antonio F. D. Cabral and another relative to the financing of political campaigns; and

Campaign finance.

Report of the same committee, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3854) of William M. Straus and another for legislation to further regulate contributions and expenditures under the campaign finance laws;

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Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question, in each instance, being on acceptance.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill further regulating public construction in the Commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2358, 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.

Public construction.

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 16 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The engrossed Bill relative to community based juvenile justice programs (see House, No. 4924, 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.

Juvenile justice programs.

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 16 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

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At twenty minutes after twelve o'clock noon, the Chair (Mr. Tobin of Quincy) declared a recess until one o'clock P.M.; and at twenty-one minutes before two o'clock, the House was called to order with Mr. Tobin in the Chair.

*Order.*Next
sitting.

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

At twenty minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford (Mr. Tobin of Quincy being in the Chair) the House adjourned, to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.