

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, August 16, 2004.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Rodrigues of Westport 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 of Forgiveness and Truth, we believe in You, Your reality and Your personal concern for our total well being. You have made us in Your image for a definite purpose and have endowed us with an eternal destiny. We also believe that we are members of the one human family, Your family. Today we remember in our thoughts and prayers our long-time colleague Mary Jane Simmons, a member of our family. You have called her to her new home and family and to enjoy peace, happiness and freedom from human limitations and physical sickness. We are grateful for her presence in our community and for her concern for people and their needs.

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. Rodrigues), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Prayer.

Representative Mary Jane Simmons.

On motion of Mr. Casey of Winchester, and at the request of the Chair (Mr. Rodrigues of Westport), the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent prayer to the memory of Representative Mary Jane Simmons of Leominster, who passed away on Friday, August 13, after an extended illness.

Message from the Acting Governor — Veto.

Methuen, retirement.

A message from Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor returning with her objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill providing for a retirement incentive for W. Philip Barrett and Claire Salois as employees of the city of Methuen [see House, No. 4452] (for message, see House, No. 5061) was filed in the Office of the Clerk on Friday, August 13.

The message was read; and, under House Rule 12, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on passing the bill, notwithstanding the said objections.

Resolutions.

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

Leroy Norman Gonsalves.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable) congratulating Leroy Norman Gonsalves;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Pope of Wayland) congratulating Beatrice Herford's Vokes Theatre on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary;

Vokes Theatre.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rush of Boston) honoring Lubomyr Husar; and

Lubomyr Husar.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Stanley of Waltham) congratulating Bailey Andrew Fidler on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Bailey Andrew Fidler.

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

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Rogers of Norwood, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the definition of Korean War veteran (Senate, No. 2136) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Korean War veteran, define.

Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Rogers of Norwood, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the certification of speech-language pathology assistants and audiology assistants (Senate, No. 2296, amended) ought to pass with an amendment by adding at the end thereof the following section:

Language assistants, certification

“SECTION 15. The salary or compensation level of any person currently working or otherwise serving as a speech therapist in a public school system shall not be reduced as the result of any reclassification of said person as a speech-language pathology assistant pursuant to sections 138 through 146, inclusive, of chapter 112, provided that this section is consistent with and does not violate the terms of any existing collective bargaining unit.”

Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Donato of Medford, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2296, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill relative to certain benefits for the surviving spouses of certain state police officers (Senate, No. 1406, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be cor-

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rectly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

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The House Bill further preventing insurance fraud in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4713) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Finneran of Boston,—

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sitting.

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

Mr. Finneran of Boston then moved that as a mark of respect to the memory of Mary Jane Simmons, a member of the House from Leominster from 1993 to 2004, inclusive, the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hynes of Marshfield (Mr. Rodrigues of Westport being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.