

# JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, November 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:

Prayer.

God of Goodness and Truth, we take a moment during this special season of the year to thank You for our numerous spiritual and material blessings. We are also grateful for the freedoms and rights which are guaranteed by our state and federal constitutions. May we respect at all times the rights of all people to express personal, philosophical, political and religious beliefs and practices in the public forum. Let our disagreements, in our diverse communities, be on principles, issues and public policies as we work together for the common good of all people and of our communities. May the well-being of our children, older adults and our families remain our top priorities.

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

### *Message from the Governor — Bill Returned with Recommendation of Amendment.*

Tax provisions, update.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill relative to tax laws [see House, No. 4169, amended] (for message, see House, No. 4520) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday November 18.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was thereupon "before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment".

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by His Excellency, the bill was referred, on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

### *Resolutions.*

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

Bristol Community College.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Correia of Fall River and other members of the House) congratulating Bristol Community College on its fortieth anniversary;

Mary M. Lassen.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Forry of Boston) congratulating Mary M. Lassen for her work at the Women's Union; and

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Walrath of Stow) congratulating Daniel Wesley Stone on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Daniel Wesley Stone.

Mrs. Parente of Milford, 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 of Medford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

### *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Hargraves of Groton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4523) of Robert S. Hargraves and Steven C. Panagiotakos (by vote of the town) that the town of Groton be authorized to lease or transfer a certain portion of land located in the town forest to the West Groton Water Supply District; and Groton, land lease.

By Mr. Webster of Hanson, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4524) of Daniel K. Webster (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish the position of town administrator in the town of Hanson; Hanson, town administrator.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Mr. Vallee of Franklin, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4525) of James E. Vallee (with the approval of the town council) that the city known as the town of Franklin be authorized to issue two additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Franklin, alcoholic beverages.

By Mr. Casey of Winchester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4526) of Paul C. Casey and others (by vote of the town) that the administrator of the town of Stoneham be authorized to appoint special police officers from a list of laid-off police officers of said town; and Stoneham, police officers.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4527) of Paul C. Casey and others (by vote of the town) that special officers of the town of Stoneham be ineligible for assignment to police details in said town; Stoneham, special police.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Anne M. Gobi and others relative to advertising by justices of the peace for the solemnization of marriages. Justices of the peace.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kay Khan and Bruce J. Ayers for legislation to establish an Asian American commission for the Commonwealth. Asian-American, commission.

By Mr. Lantigua of Lawrence, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Veronica Casado relative to the period of time for notification to Patients, medical results.

patients of medical test results performed by physicians, hospitals and other health care facilities.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas M. Petrolati relative to the definition of "sabbatical leave" and the granting of creditable service under the retirement laws to faculties of higher educational institutions and public school systems of the Commonwealth.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas M. Petrolati for legislation to impose a fine on defendants for failure to make mandatory court appearances.

By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tom Sannicandro and others that auxiliary, reserve and part-time police officers be eligible for reimbursement grants for the purchase of bulletproof vests.

By Mr. Spellane of Worcester, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert P. Spellane and Anthony J. Verga relative to the definition of veteran-owned small businesses and the compilation of such businesses by the Office of Business Development of the Commonwealth.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert P. Spellane and others that the Department of Mental Retardation be directed to compile a listing of quality indicators of providers of community mental health retardation services.

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Martin J. Walsh for legislation to require cities and towns to provide asthma screening clinics for public and certain private school students.

By Ms. Wolf of Cambridge (by request), petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mikel Pierce that police officers in cities and towns be required to participate in special education programs for improving interaction with transgendered residents.

By the same member (by request), petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Althea Buckley for legislation to require certain endowed not-for-profit institutions to pay property taxes in the cities and towns of the Commonwealth.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

#### *Paper from the Senate.*

A report of the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1241) of Robert S. Creedon, Jr. for legislation to provide access to forensic and scientific analysis, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

#### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill relative to policies of insurance (House, No. 1527),— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on

Financial Services. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Wagner of Chicopee, for the committee on Transportation, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3797) of James E. Vallee and Brian Paul Golden relative to subdivision roads accepted by municipalities,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2030) of Matthew Theall relative to exemptions from the motor vehicle safety belt law; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2224) of Emile J. Goguen relative to equipment requirements for school buses;

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3339) of J. James Marzilli, Jr., and others relative to roadway lighting on the Massachusetts Turnpike,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

#### *Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land in the town of West Springfield (see Senate, No. 2180, amended) (which originated in the Senate), 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.

#### *Order.*

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

At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

School  
facilities,  
sabbaticals.

Defendants,  
court  
appearances.

Police,  
bulletproof  
vests.

Veterans,  
businesses.

Disabled,  
quality  
indicators.

Asthma  
screening,  
schools.

Transgendered  
residents,  
police.

Non-profits,  
property  
taxes.

Forensic,  
scientific  
analysis,  
access.

Insurance  
policies,  
regulate.

Subdivision  
procedures.

Seat belt  
exemptions.

School  
buses,  
standards.

Turnpike,  
light  
pollution.

Bill  
enacted.

Next  
sitting.