

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, November 23, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford 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.

Gracious God, on Thanksgiving Day, a long-standing day of prayer, a national holiday and traditional family day, we take time to offer a prayer of thanks to You, the Giver of Every Good and Perfect Gift. We believe that You have created us as equals and as members of the one human family, Your family. A few moments of reflection, even in these dangerous and troubled times, enables us to recognize our many blessings and to address the human and spiritual needs of the people in our communities. May the special spirit of the day of generosity and openness to others fill our hearts and minds throughout the year as we work together for the common good.

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

### *Message from the Governor — Veto.*

Wine shipments.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill relative to direct wine shipments [see House, No. 4498, amended] (for message, see House, No. 4522) was filed in the Office of the Clerk on Monday, November 21.

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

### *Message from the Governor — Heating Assistance Bill Returned with Recommendations of Amendments.*

Heating assistance, amendments.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendations of amendments Sections 7 and 8 contained in the engrossed Bill relative to heating energy assistance and tax relief [see House, No. 4273, amended] (for message, see House, No. 4529) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, November 22.

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

Pending the question on adoption of the amendments recommended by the Governor, the subject-matters (printed as House, Nos. 4530 and

4531) were referred, in each instance, 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:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. DiMasi of Boston) recognizing World AIDS Day; and

World AIDS Day.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Wolf of Cambridge) congratulating Noelle Francine Blanchard;

Noelle Francine Blanchard.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, 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 Miss Reinstein of Revere, 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. O'Brien of Kingston presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4528) of Thomas J. O'Brien and Therese Murray (by vote of the town) for legislation to regulate the filing of applications for connections with the sewer commission of the town of Kingston; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Kingston, sewer commission.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

#### *Bills*

Relative to the payment of referral fees to unlicensed employees of insurance producers (Senate, No. 2060) (on a petition); and

Insurance producers.

Strengthening voting rights and voter confidence in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2277) (on Senate, No. 2234);

Voters rights.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

#### *Bills*

Relative to the reporting of fires in schools (Senate, No. 1381) (on a petition);

Schools, fire reports.

Authorizing the late filing of certain application for classification of land in the town of Wendell (Senate, No. 2155) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Wendell, land classification.

Authorizing the town of Palmer to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2281) (on Senate, No. 2208) [Local Approval Received];

Palmer, liquor licenses.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspections of certain correctional facilities, as follows:

Correctional facilities, inspection reports.

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Of the Barnstable County Correctional Facility, in the town of Bourne;  
 Of M.C.I. Plymouth, in the town of South Carver; and  
 Of the Suffolk County House of Correction, in the city of Boston;  
 Severally were spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

*Reports of Committees.*

Braintree, mayor/city council.

By Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill to establish a mayor/city council for the town of Braintree (House, No. 4483, changed in ARTICLE 7, in SECTION 7-7 (as printed), in line 188, by striking out the words “and approved by the petitioners committee”, in SECTION 7-12 (as printed), in line 340, by striking out the following: “eighty-four (84) nor more than ninety (90)” and inserting in place thereof the following: “ninety-five (95) nor more than one hundred (100)”; and in ARTICLE 9, SECTION 9-5 (as printed), in lines 37 and 38, by striking out the words “This Charter shall take effect upon its ratification by the voters and in accordance with the following schedule:” and inserting in place thereof the words “This Charter shall be submitted to the voters of the Town of Braintree for acceptance at the next Town election in the form of the following question, which shall be placed on the official ballot to be used at said election: ‘Shall an Act passed by the General Court entitled “An Act to Establish a Mayor/City Council for the Town of Braintree” be accepted.’ If a majority of votes cast in answer to this question are in the affirmative, this Charter shall then take effect in accordance with the following schedule:”) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Miss Reinstein of Revere, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Methamphetamine.

Of the Bill to control the use of methamphetamine (Senate, No. 2183, amended);

Medical spas.

Of the Bill establishing a task force within the Board of Registration in Medicine to study medical spas (Senate, No. 2191, amended);

Gang violence, prevention.

Of the Bill to prevent youth and gang violence (House, No. 2879);

Asset development commission.

Of the Bill establishing the Massachusetts asset development commission (House, No. 3740);

Alcohol commission.

Of the Resolve relative to the establishment of an alcohol commission (House, No. 3945, changed);

Homelessness.

Of the Resolve providing for an investigation and plan by a special commission relative to ending homelessness in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4265);

Of the Bill relative to the Middlesex Canal Commission (House, No. 4280); and

Middlesex Canal Commission. Human services, privatization.

Of the Resolve providing for an investigation by a special commission relative to the effect of privatization on the delivery of human services (House, No. 4288);

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

*Engrossed Bills.*

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Establishing a project mitigation contribution or linkage program for affordable housing in the city of Somerville (see Senate, No. 2044, amended) (which originated in the Senate); and

Bills enacted.

Authorizing the town of Arlington to establish another postemployment benefits trust fund (see House, No. 4272) (which originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were 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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

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