

Thursday, January 13, 2011.

Met at six minutes after 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).

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.

Pledge of
allegiance.

"City Upon a Hill" Commemorative Ceremony.

On Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at the hour of 1:00 o'clock P.M., in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, a ceremony was held to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the "City Upon a Hill" Speech of President-Elect John Fitzgerald Kennedy, given before a convention of the House of Representatives and the Senate in the House Chamber on January 9, 1961.

"City Upon
a Hill",—
commemoration
of 50th anniver-
sary of the
remarks of
President-Elect
John F.
Kennedy.

The ceremony was called to order by Speaker Robert A. DeLeo of Winthrop. The Honorable Senate was admitted to the Chamber under escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Christopher T. Cantwell of Cub Scout Pack 97 of Marshfield, the son of Representative James M. Cantwell of Marshfield; and the National Anthem was sung by Sgt. James W. Connor of the Massachusetts State Police. The invocation was conducted by the Reverend Hurmon E. Hamilton, Pastor of Roxbury Presbyterian Church and President of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization.

After remarks by Speaker DeLeo and Senate President Therese Murray, an audio recording of the speech given by President-Elect Kennedy was played for the members of the Senate and House of Representatives and the many guests in attendance.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Kennedy III, a grand-nephew of President Kennedy, made remarks.

Special recognition was made of Victoria Reggie Kennedy, the widow of the late United States Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

Also recognized as being in attendance were former Speaker of the House and Attorney General of the Commonwealth Robert H. Quinn; former State Representative and State Senator James W. Hennigan, Jr.; former State Representative John J. McGlynn and his son, former Representative Michael J. McGlynn, who, as a 7 year old boy, was an eyewitness to the historic event; and Former Representative Thomas C. Wojtkowski; former House Clerk Robert E. MacQueen; the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House Raymond J. Amaru; and Assistant House Chief Court Officer William Petrigno, all of whom were in attendance fifty years previously to witness the President-Elect's remarks.

"America the Beautiful" was sung by Trooper Connor; and the Speaker declared adjournment of the ceremony.

Recess.

At twenty-four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,

Recess.

the House recessed until twelve o'clock noon; and at twenty-two minutes before one o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Orders.

The following order (filed this day with the Clerk by Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop) was considered forthwith, under suspension of the rules, as follows:

Temporary
Rules
committee.

Ordered, That there shall be a temporary committee on Rules on the part of the House to consist of 3 members, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Minority Leader. The temporary committee on Rules on the part of the House shall be authorized to meet jointly with the committee on Rules on the part of the Senate, if one is so appointed; and, when constituted in such manner, shall be authorized to perform the duties of the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. The temporary committee on Rules on the part of the House shall cease to exist upon the appointment of the permanent committee on Rules.

Appointments.

Subsequently the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) announced that the Speaker had Representatives Binienda of Worcester, Atkins of Concord and Peterson of Grafton had been appointed to said temporary committee.

Resolutions.

M.T.
Anderson.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Ms. Hogan of Stow) honoring M.T. Anderson for his literary gifts and local roots in the town of Stow, were referred, under Rule 85, to the temporary committee on Rules.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Hogan of Stow, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Report of a Committee.

House
Rules.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules, reported (under the provisions of House Rules 7B and 7C) an Order relative to special procedures for consideration of the House Rules (see House, No. 2011) (House, No. 32); and the order was adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

Joint
convention.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence:
Ordered, That a convention of the two branches be held at a quarter after two o'clock P.M., on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, for the purpose of swearing-in Governor's Councillor-elect Thomas T. Merrigan of Greenfield.

Order.

Next
sitting.

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

At a twenty-six before two o'clock, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.