

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, January 16, 2013.

Met according to adjournment, at six o'clock P.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.

Silent Prayers.

At the request of Representatives Walsh of Lynn, Fennell of Lynn, Ehrlich of Marblehead and Wong of Saugus the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of U.S. Army Private First Class Antonio "Tony" Javier Syrakos, age 22, of Lynn who died unexpectedly on Thursday, January 10th at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He was a decorated veteran of the war in Afghanistan. Antonio
"Tony"
Javier
Syrakos.

Tony was the adopted son of Paul and Doris (Canata) Syrakos of Lynn and is survived by his sister, Katrina Syrakos, a student at Lynn Classical High School and his beloved husky dog, Lyrik. He is also survived by several aunts, uncles and cousins. Antonio was the grandson of the late Josephine and Edward Canata, and Antonio and Angelina Syrakos.

At the request of Mr. Mark of Peru the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Richard G. "Dick" Desmarais, of Hawley who passed away on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2012. He served in the Korean War as a member of the U.S. Navy and attained the rank of Aviation Ordnance Man Third Class. He also received the National Defense Service Medal, the China Service Medal, Korean Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal. Richard G.
"Dick"
Desmarais.

Dick continued his dedication to public service as a member of the Board of Selectman of the town of Hawley, and also as a member of the Board of Assessors and a member of the Board of Health from 1995 until his passing.

He will be sorely missed by all of his family, friends and co-workers.

Message from the Governor.

A message for His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to strengthening and enhancing firearms laws in the Commonwealth (House, No. 47), was filed this day in the office of the Clerk. Firearms.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

An order (filed this day by Speaker DeLeo of Winthrop) relative to authorizing the Counsel to the House of Representatives to approve House Counsel
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bills prior to the appointment of members to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was referred, under Rule 24, to the temporary committee on Rules.

Mr. Binienda, for said committee, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Petition.

Margaret C.
Henderson,—
sick leave
bank.

Mr. Donato of Medford presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 45) of Paul J. Donato for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Margaret C. Henderson, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services; and the same was referred to the temporary committee on Rules.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for said committee, then reported, on the foregoing petition, a Bill establishing a sick bank for Margaret C. Henderson (House, No. 45), which was read.

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

Recess.

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At eighteen minutes after six o'clock P.M., on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at eighteen minutes before seven o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with the Speaker in the Chair.

Joint Session
of the two
branches.

At eleven minutes before seven o'clock P.M., the two branches met in

JOINT SESSION.

In the Chamber of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of receiving such communication as His Excellency Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth, may be pleased to make relative to the concerns of the Commonwealth; and were called to order by the Honorable Therese Murray, President of the Senate.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Chandler,—

Notification of
Lieutenant
Governor,
etc.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to consist of members of the Senate and the House of Representatives to wait upon His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, the Constitutional officers, members of the Executive Council and other distinguished guests and inform them that the two branches are now in Convention and request the honor of their presence.

Senators Rosenberg, Spilka, Hart and Tarr were appointed on the part of the Senate; and Representatives Peisch of Wellesley, Donato of Medford, Pignatelli of Lenox, Frost of Auburn, D'Emilia of Bridgewater and Lewis of Winchester were appointed on a part of the House.

Subsequently Mr. Rosenberg, for the committee, reported that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, the Constitutional officers, members

of the Executive Council and the other distinguished guests would immediately attend upon the convention.

Shortly thereafter, His Honor Timothy P. Murray, Lieutenant-Governor, William F. Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Martha Coakley, Attorney General of the Commonwealth, Steven Grossman, Treasurer and Receiver-General of the Commonwealth, Suzanne M. Bump, Auditor of the Commonwealth, the members of the Executive Council, members of the Supreme Judicial Court and Major General L. Scott Rice, the Adjutant General entered the Chamber under the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Invocation.

The President then introduced Reverend Liz Walker of the Roxbury Presbyterian Church who gave the following Invocation:

Almighty and Eternal God who has shaped the arc of the universe and to Whom we look for whatever good the future holds... Bless these proceedings tonight that what is said here and proposed here will glorify you. Invocation.

We ask You to bless the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and those who lead it. Send down upon them truth, power, charity, and justice; that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of us all in the tough days ahead.

We gather here tonight not only to hear the governor's plans and not only to maintain a tradition of order and ritual, but to acknowledge the potential of our power, that which is collective and most importantly that which is moral.

Because we will not and cannot move this Commonwealth or humanity itself forward if our efforts are not grounded in Your presence and motivated by Your righteousness.

We pray for a spirit of boldness to rise up from these hallowed halls, a daring to take the difficult right road, even when conventional wisdom calls for the path of least resistance.

We pray for the preservation of the disciplined standard of civility where the aspiration for decency remains as important as the power of persuasion.

We pray for hearts of humility so that in all deliberations and decisions, these leaders will understand that power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice.

We pray for the Governor of this Commonwealth — one man in an intensely solitary position who bears an extraordinary responsibility for so many.

Surround him with support, encouragement and creative minds stimulated to raise new questions and new possibilities that will improve our common life.

Open his mind to hear those who agree and those who challenge

It takes all the voices to make this body stronger

Grant him continued wisdom that allows him to look beyond the ever present perils to conceive our greatest potential.

Lord grant this Governor the vision to see what we can achieve, to stretch our capabilities as well as our dollars, to increase our sense of purpose, and to help us always seek out not only common ground but higher ground as he continues to give heed to your constant call

May we all live in justice and peace; in the name of all that we hold holy... for me that is Jesus Christ. Let the people of God together say Amen.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Welch,—

Committee to inform the Governor.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to consist of members of the Senate and the House of Representatives to wait upon His Excellency the Governor and inform him that the two branches are now in Convention for the purpose of receiving such communication as he may be pleased to make to them, relating to the concerns of the Commonwealth.

Senators Richard T. Moore, Donoghue, Flanagan and Knapik were appointed on the part of the Senate; and Representatives Sciortino of Somerville, Nyman of Hanover, Scibak of South Hadley, Holmes of Boston, Howitt of Seekonk and Wong of Saugus were appointed on a part of the House.

Subsequently Mr. Richard T. Moore, for the committee, reported that His Excellency the Governor, Deval L. Patrick, would immediately attend upon the convention.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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The President then called upon His Honor Timothy P. Murray, the Lieutenant-Governor, who introduced Vietnam War Veteran Katherine Splinter and Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran Andrea Gayle-Bennett, who led the Convention in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

National Anthem.

The Lieutenant-Governor then introduced Katherine McGee, the daughter of Senator Thomas M. McGee who sang the National Anthem.

Shortly thereafter, His Excellency the Governor, Deval L. Patrick entered the Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms

State of the Commonwealth address.

The President then introduced His Excellency the Governor, Deval Patrick, who thereupon addressed the Convention relative to the concerns of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 1).

Benediction.

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The President in the Chair then introduced Reverend Dr. Sarai Rivera of Worcester Christian Community Church, who gave the following Benediction:

God of all nation and all people

This evening You bless us with the gifts of life, unity, community, leadership, motivation and inspiration. We gather here today, united searching our souls on how to better serve our families, our neighbors, communities, our state and in turn our nation.

Bless us with the strength and open-mindedness to stand united and strong, so that together we can work to create, challenge and change policies that can make a positive impact for all people in all areas of this state.

Help us to be true agents of change — yes agents of Shalom!

Dear Lord bless this Commonwealth — bless the land and its people.

Help us to be instruments of Your peace and justice.

To be a people that will sow love and harmony when confronted with hatred and discord. That when we see hurt let us bring the spirit of

forgiveness and healing. When faced with despair and doubt may we bring faith and hope; and when challenged with moments of darkness and sorrow may we be able to offer light and joy.

Let Your blessings fall upon on the leadership of this state and in this nation. May they always seek the ways of righteousness, integrity, honesty, justice, compassion and mercy.

Governor, Lieutenant Governor and to the leadership standing here today

May the Creator

Bless your eyes so that you may never lose sight of your dreams or vision for without vision the people will perish.

Bless your ears so that you may always here the whispers of your soul and do the right thing even when it is not the popular thing.

Bless your hands that you may always extend them out to others with love and acceptance.

Bless your feet so that they may never let fear hold them back from walking in the path of righteousness and the journey you were destined for

Continue to be steadfast immovable, always abounding in good works, knowing that your labor is not in vain, stand fast in faith be brave and strong. Let all that you do be done with love.

In the name of our Savior

May the Grace love and Shalom of God be with the State, its people and this Nation.

Amen.

The President in the Chair, His Excellency the Governor, Deval L. Patrick, the Lieutenant-Governor, the Constitutional officers, the members of the Executive Council, members of the Supreme Judicial Court and the Adjutant General then withdrew from the Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

On motion of Ms. Lovely, at one minute past eight o'clock P.M., the Convention of the two branches was dissolved; and the Senate withdrew from the Joint Session, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

At one minute after eight o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Called to order.

Order.

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

Next sitting.

At three minutes after eight o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.