

Thursday, February 5, 2009.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham 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 Trust and Truth, we try every day to serve You, our diverse communities and our families in a straightforward, dependable and honorable manner. In Your goodness, help us to keep our priorities, goals and high ideals in clear focus. As elected officials, inspire us to be guided in our decision-making process by solid principles, constitutional rights and human and spiritual values. Teach us to be open and welcoming to the good suggestions, reasonable insights and needs of colleagues and constituents. Grant us the goodwill, the confidence and the wisdom to work together in pursuing the current needs of people and our communities in these troublesome times. May our hearts and minds be filled with confidence, enthusiasm and hope as we face, together, the unique issues which confront us today, at home and around the world.

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

Guest of the House.

Brooke Carter. During the session, the Chair (Mr. Koutoujian) declared a brief recess and introduced Ms. Brooke Carter. Ms. Carter, serving as a legislative intern for Representative Spellane of Worcester, was the guest of Mr. Spellane.

Resolutions.

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

"Ronald Reagan Day". Resolutions (filed by Representatives Jones of North Reading, Peterson of Grafton, Hill of Ipswich, Poirier of North Attleborough, deMacedo of Plymouth and Pery of Sandwich) recognizing February sixth as "Ronald Reagan Day" in the Commonwealth;

James Edward "Jim" Rice. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Finegold of Andover) commending James Edward "Jim" Rice upon his election to the Baseball Hall of Fame and for his outstanding contributions to the Commonwealth; and

Calvin L. Hicks. Resolutions (filed by Ms. Fox of Boston and other members of the House) recognizing Calvin L. Hicks for years of distinguished serve to the New England Conservatory of Music and for his dedicated public service;

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the temporary 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. Sannicandro of Ashland, the resolutions were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

The following order (filed by Speaker DeLeo of Winthrop) was referred, under Rule 85, to the temporary committee on Rules:

Ordered. That the precept to be issued by the Speaker, under the provisions of Section 141 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, appointing a time for the election to fill the vacancy existing in the office of Representative in the General Court from the Third Suffolk District shall designate, Tuesday, June 16, 2009 as the time ordered by the House of Representatives for said election. Third Suffolk Representative District,—time for election to fill vacancy.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the temporary committee on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Brady of Brockton, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communication.

A communication from the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds (under Sections KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting an initial plan for technological improvements at said registry (copies of said communication referred, as required under said law, to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Post Audit and Oversight), was placed on file. Plymouth County Registry of Deeds.

Petition.

A joint petition (having been deposited with the Clerk previously to five o'clock P.M., on Wednesday, January 14, 2009) was referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Representative Richardson of Framingham and Senator Spilka, joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 99) of Pam Richardson and others (by vote of the town) that the town of Framingham be authorized to erect a maintenance facility. To the temporary committee on Rules. Framingham,—maintenance facility.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for said committee, then reported on the foregoing joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Framingham to erect a maintenance facility (House, No. 99), which was read [Local Approval Received].

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

Order.

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

Mr. Rice of Gardner then moved that as a mark of respect to the memory of Robert D. Hawke, a member of the House from Gardner from 1991 to 1996, inclusive, the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed.

At thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Brady of Brockton (Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.