

Monday, February 9, 2009.

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:

God, Our Creator, each day we try, with Your assistance, to respond in a thoughtful and responsible manner, to the expectations and needs of these changing times, the people and our communities. We believe that You, with Your gift of wisdom, enable us to address and to organize correctly our priorities as we together work through the challenges of the day. Each challenge presents us with an opportunity to move forward in a constructive way. Teach us to seek and appreciate the insights, the knowledge and the expertise of our friends, associates and constituents in our search for truth and answers. Grant us the courage and the good judgement to formulate our personal and legislative decisions on solid principles, human and spiritual values and the constitutional rights of all, especially the most innocent and assailable.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

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.

Paper from the Senate.

The following order (having been approved by the Senate committee on Ethics and Rules) came from said branch with the endorsement that it had been adopted, as follows:

Ordered, That a convention of the two branches be held at one o'clock P.M., on Thursday, February 12, 2009, in the House Chamber for the purpose of commemorating the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Wagner of Chicopee, for the temporary committee on Transportation, on a message from his Excellency the Governor, a Bill extending the Commonwealth's power to guarantee obligations of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority (printed in House, No. 100), which was read.

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

Turnpike
Authority,—
obligations.

Subsequently, the recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been perfected by the House Counsel, in accordance with an order previously adopted by the House), was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

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At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Fagan of Taunton (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House recessed until half past eleven o'clock; and at thirteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the House was called to order with Mr. Petrolati in the Chair.

Orders of the Day.

Framingham,—
maintenance
facility.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Framingham to erect a maintenance facility (House, No. 99), having been perfected by the House Counsel, in accordance with an order previously adopted by the House, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

Next
sitting.

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

At ten minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Murphy of Burlington (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at one o'clock P.M.