

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 17, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mrs. Harkins of Needham 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 Goodness and Truth, we believe that You have created us with an intellect which enables us to think clearly and a free-will which enables us to make objective choices. Our belief in You gives meaning, purpose and direction to our daily living. This weekend we celebrate Presidents Day, the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We are grateful to them for their wisdom in dealing with complex war and peace issues, for the courage in following sound principles in heir decision-making actions and for their recognition of the human and spiritual dignity of each person. May we measure up to their high ideals, courage and patriotism as we face new challenges and a variety of hard decisions today and in the days ahead.

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 (Mrs. Harkins), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Messages from the Governor.

Witness intimidation.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to witness intimidation (House, No. 28) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, February 16.

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.

Witness protection.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommendation legislation relative to witness protection (House, No. 29) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, February 16.

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.

Domestic violence.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to enhanced protection for victims of domestic violence (House, No. 30) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, February 16.

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.

Statement of Representative Festa of Melrose.

A statement of Mr. Festa of Melrose was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MADAM SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Tuesday last due to personal circumstances that had been previously scheduled and unavoidable. Any roll calls that I may have missed that day was due entirely to the reason stated. If I had been present for the taking of Roll Call No. 5, on the question on adoption of an amendment, I would have voted in the negative. If present for Roll Call No. 6, on passing the supplemental appropriation bill to be engrossed, I would have voted in the affirmative.

Statement of Representative Festa of Melrose.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cabral of New Bedford) on the happy occasion of the retirement of Ken Hartnett;

Ken Hartnett.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Connolly of Everett) congratulating George Desiderio on his eightieth birthday;

George Desiderio.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Falzone of Saugus) congratulating Boston College women's basketball coach Cathy Inglesse on her two hundredth victory;

Cathy Inglesse.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kujawski of Webster) congratulating Christopher J. Garfield Weagle on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Christopher J. Garfield Weagle.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Linsky of Natick, Blumer of Framingham, Sannicandro of Ashland and Peisch of Wellesley) honoring the one hundredth anniversary of the Rotary Club; and

Rotary Club.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the Rotary Club;

Rotary Club.

Mr. Rogers of Norwood, 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 Mr. Donato of Medord, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communication.

From Norfolk County Registry of Deeds (under Section KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws as inserted by Section 4 of Chapter 4 of the Acts of 2003) 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 read for the information of the House; and it was placed on file.

Norfolk County Registry of Deeds.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Marzilli of Arlington, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 31) of J. James Marzilli, Jr., and others (by vote of the

Arlington, Town Hall.

town) that the town of Arlington be authorized to place alcoholic beverages in said town; and

Arlington,
alcohol
licenses.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 32) of J. James Marzilli, Jr., and others (by vote of the town) relative to increasing the number of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages for certain restaurants in the town of Arlington;

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Arlington,
age
requirements.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 33) of J. James Marzilli, Jr., and others (by vote of the town) that Timothy Pacheco of the town of Arlington be authorized to apply for the position of fire fighter in said town, notwithstanding the maximum age requirements. To the committee on Public Service.

Arlington,
fund
transfer.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 34) of J. James Marzilli, Jr., and others (by vote of the town) that the town of Arlington be authorized to transfer certain funds from the building insurance trust fund to the stabilization fund of said town;

Arlington,
town
counsel.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 35) of J. James Marzilli, Jr., and others (by vote of the town) for legislation to remove the residency requirement for the town council of the town of Arlington; and

Reading,
easements.

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 36) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Patrick M. Natale and Richard R. Tisei for legislation to authorize the conservation commission of the town of Reading to grant certain easements in said town;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The following orders (having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently), adopted by the Senate, were considered:

Gang
violence
report.

Ordered, That the report on Reducing Gang Violence in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by the Joint Committee on Public Safety of the 2003-2004 General Court be received, placed on file.

Brookwood
Farm
report.

Ordered, That the special commission on converting the state property known as Brookwood Farm to a governor's residence, established by section 392 of chapter 149 of the acts of 2004, may file its report after February 15, 2005.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted, in concurrence.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:

February 3, 2005.

Honorable Salvatore F. DiMasi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Room 356 State House Boston, MA. 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to inform you that the Senate Minority Leader have announced the appointments of the following Senators to the following joint standing committees:

Senator Knapik to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets;

Senate
appointments.

Senator Tarr to the committee on Children and Families;

Senator Hedlund to the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses;

Senator Brown to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure;

Senator Tisei to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies;

Senator Brown to the committee on Education;

Senator Tisei to the committee on Elder Affairs;

Senator Brown to the committee on Election Laws;

Senator Tarr to the committee on the Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture;

Senator Brown to the committee on Financial Services;

Senator Brown to the committee on Health Care Financing;

Senator Tarr to the committee on Higher Education;

Senator Hedlund to the committee on Housing;

Senator Lees to the committee on the Judiciary;

Senator Hedlund to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development;

Senator Tisei to the committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse;

Senator Knapik to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government;

Senator Tarr to the committee on Public Health;

Senator Tarr to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security;

Senator Hedlund to the committee on Public Service;

Senator Tisei to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight;

Senator Knapik to the committee on Revenue;

Senator Lees to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy;

Senator Lees to the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development;

Senator Hedlund to the committee on Transportation; and

Senator Brown to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. WELCH,
Clerk of the Senate.

Order.

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

Next
sitting.

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