

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, February 22, 2005.

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, this moment for personal reflection and silent prayer offers us an opportunity to be united with You and with each other in spirit and intention as we together arrange our schedules, goals and priorities for this day. Your always available assistance enables us, as elected leaders, to comprehend today's often complex is-sues more clearly and to ask relevant and harsh questions in our search for accurate knowledge, truth and ethical standards. In coping with the stress, the demands and the pressures of the day inspire us to make reasoned, thoughtful, not merely emotional, choices which are based on the best information available to us in this information and technological age. May the needs of people and the common good of our communities alert us to the consequences of our decisions.

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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor submitting recommendations for making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 2005 to provide payments and benefits to certain servicemen and women and their families (House, No. 37) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Monday, February 21.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Notice of Change of Address.

Notice was received that Representative Stephen R. Canessa of New Bedford, formerly of Lakeville, had changed his residential address to the city of New Bedford.

Sent to the Senate for its information.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Frost of Auburn) congratulating the Honorable Francis J. Hanratty on receiving the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon; and

Raymond

Gibbs.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rush of Boston) honoring Dr. Raymond Gibbs for a wonderful life of service as a doctor, a veteran, a loving father and husband;

Mrs. Parente of Milford, 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. Kafka of Stoughton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

Next
sitting.

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

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Petruccelli of Boston (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.