

Thursday, February 26, 2009.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Vallee of Franklin 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, Our Creator, each day our intention is to place our trust and hope in You and in Your sometimes mysterious ways, which You have made known to us for our convenience. Each day, we pray for Your always available help to implement Your teachings and precepts in our daily living. Inspire us to keep our own personal goals and priorities in clear focus during the course of our even busiest days, so that our lives have a direction, meaning and purpose. As elected leaders, in these challenging times of economic and employment uncertainty, help us to build confidence and assurance in the hearts and minds of the people whom we represent. Teach us to be willing and patient listeners to the opinions and suggestions of colleagues and constituents in our search for tried and true solutions to our state and national current problems. Grant us the courage and forthrightness to respond to right proposals which promote the common good.

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

Message from the Governor.

Transportation reform. A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to reforming, rebuilding and renewing the transportation system of the Commonwealth for the twenty-first century (House, No. 107) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, February 24.

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

Resolutions.

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

Women's History Month. Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) commemorating the national celebration of Women's History Month;

Moira Landry. Resolutions (filed by Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead) commending Moira Landry of Swampscott on her national recognition for exemplary volunteer service;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Guyer of Dalton) honoring the achievements of Elizabeth Banks; Elizabeth Banks.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) congratulating Albert Benjamin Lester II of Medfield upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout; Albert Benjamin Lester II.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) congratulating Brandon Matthew Sepe of Medfield upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout; and Brandon Matthew Sepe.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) congratulating Colman Tishler of Medfield upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout; Colman Tishler.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, 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 Medford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications From the Office of Community Corrections (under the provisions of item 0339-1004 of Chapter 139 of the Acts of 2006) containing a spending and management plan for said office; and Community Corrections.

From the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation submitting the annual report of the Division of Professional Licensure for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008; Consumer Affairs. Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

Annual reports Of the Division of Community Antenna Television with the Department of Telecommunication and Energy (under the provisions of Section 2 of Chapter 166A of the General Laws) relative to appeals that came before said division for calendar year 2008; Community Antenna Television.

Of the Office of the Comptroller (under the provisions of Section 12 (c) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting the Commonwealth's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008; Comptroller.

Of the Joint Labor-Management Committee for Municipal Police and Fire (under the provisions Clause (a) of Subsection 3 of Section 1 of Chapter 589 of the Acts of 1987) relative to results of involving the resolution of a dispute of the provisions of collective bargaining agreements; Police and fire disputes.

Of the Pioneer Valley Regional Transit Authority (under the provisions of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) for the fiscal year 2008; and Pioneer Valley Regional Transit.

Of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council (under the provisions of Paragraph 2 of Section 17 of Chapter 23E of the General Laws) relative to the state of the workers' compensation system for fiscal year 2008; and Workers' Compensation Advisory Council.

Bridge
repair,
etc.

A report of the Executive Office of Transportation (under the provisions of Section 19 of Chapter 233 of the Acts of 2008) submitting the bridge preservation and repair plan for calendar year 2009;
Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

County
sheriffs.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to transferring county sheriffs to the Commonwealth (House No. 103), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had non-concurred with the House in its reference to the committee on the Judiciary and that it had been referred, in non-concurrence, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

On motion of Mr. Walsh of Lynn, the House then receded from its reference; and the message (House, No. 103) was referred, in concurrence, on further motion of the same member, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Id.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to transfer county sheriffs to the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 7) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Transportation
modernization.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 10) of Steven A. Baddour for legislation modernizing the transportation systems of the Commonwealth, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Transportation.

Reconsideration.

Surplus
state
property,—
disposition.

Mr. Walsh of Lynn moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, on Thursday, January 29, referred a message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to providing for disposition of surplus state real property based on smart growth land use policies (House, No. 102) to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. The motion was entertained, there being no objection; and it prevailed.

On further motion of the same member, the message then was referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. 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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At eighteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Mr. Vallee of Franklin being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.