

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

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Monday, February 27, 2006.

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 of Forgiveness and Truth, we believe that You have a personal interest and concern for our total well-being. We live each moment of the day in Your presence. Your assistance and guidance, for which we pray, enables to comprehend and cope with the current legislative and policy issues of these changing times. As community leaders, inspire us to encourage all people to recognize their human dignity and to utilize their talents and gifts (human and spiritual) for their own benefit and for the common good. Teach us to be aware of and responsive to the many needs of all in our districts, for we are all members of the one human family, Your family.

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.

### *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Candaras of Wilbraham) recognizing the one hundredth anniversary of the Wilbraham Women's Club;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) congratulating Matthew C. Malacaria on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) congratulating Douglas R. Schaub on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) congratulating Gregory T. Schwartz of Medfield on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Turner of Dennis) on the occasion of the retirement of Marie E. Giunta; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vallee of Franklin) recognizing Vincenza "Vinnie" Precopio's one hundredth birthday;

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, 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. Kulik of Worthington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Homesteads,  
protection.

By Mr. Hall of Westford, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Geoffrey D. Hall and Steven C. Panagiotakos for legislation to increase the maximum amount of homestead protection for individuals from attachment or seizure.

Social  
workers.

By Mrs. Harkins of Needham, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lida E. Harkins for legislation to grant creditable service to certain teachers for employment as social workers at residential schools.

Motor  
vehicles,  
registration.

By Mrs. Parente of Milford, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marie J. Parente for legislation to require applicants for the registration of motor vehicles to possess valid licenses issued by the Commonwealth.

Sign  
installers,  
licensing.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow (by request), petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joseph Shyloski, Jr., for legislation to provide for the licensing of sign installers and technicians under the jurisdiction of the State Examiners of Electricians.

MCAS,  
assessment.

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Frank I. Smizik and Karen E. Spilka that the Board of Education be authorized to provide multiple forms of assessments in determining the level of competency under the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) for students in the Commonwealth.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Affordable  
health care.

An initiative petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4622) of Philip J. Edmundson and others for the passage of An Act for the Massachusetts quality affordable health care act, came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had non-concurred with the House in its reference to the committees on Health Care Financing and Revenue, acting jointly; and that said initiative petition had been referred, in non-concurrence, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

On motion of Mr. Petrucci of Boston, the House receded from its reference. The initiative petition then was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Bridgewater  
State  
Hospital,  
correction  
plan.

A communication from the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to a plan of correction submitted pursuant to a Department of Public Health inspection of Bridgewater State Hospital, in the town of Bridgewater, was spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

*Reports*

Correctional  
facilities,  
inspection  
reports.

Of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspections of certain correctional facilities in the Commonwealth, severally were spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Of the Franklin County Jail and House of Correction, in the town of Greenfield;

Of the Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center, in the town of Shirley; and

Of the Worcester County House of Correction and Jail, in the town of West Boylston.

Severally were spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2386) of Robert A. Antonioni and Jennifer L. Flanagan (with approval of mayor and city council) for legislation relative to a tax abatement filing for the National Plastics Center and Museum in Leominster, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.

Leominster  
Museum,  
tax  
abatement.

*Reports of Committees.*

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning telecommunications, utilities, energy and the bottle bill (House, No. 4685) reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4307) of John J. Binienda and others relative to the sale of pre-paid cellular phones,— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Pre-paid  
cellular  
phones.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill establishing the Asian American Commission (Senate, No. 2201, amended) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committees on Ways and Means.

Asian American  
Commission.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following matters be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Increasing the term of office of the Cape Cod Mosquito Control Commissioners (Senate, No. 2099); and

Cape Cod,  
commissioner.

Authorizing the boards of selectmen of Dukes County to designate members of the advisory board (Senate, No. 2110); and

Dukes County,  
advisory  
board.

House bills

Relative to increasing the amount of damages in small claims court (House, No. 856, changed);

Small claims  
court.

Relative to school served food products (House, No. 1019, changed);

Schools,  
food.

Relative to school food programs (House, No. 1449, changed);

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Relative to nutrition awareness in schools (House, No. 1459, changed);

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Relative to mufflers (House, No. 2011);

Mufflers.

Stoughton,  
land  
conveyance.

Authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land to the town of Stoughton (House, No. 2798);

Home health  
agencies.

Clarifying the definition of home health and homemaker agencies (House, No. 2840);

Talking books.

Relative to talking books (House, No. 2857);

Mashpee,  
land.

Relative to the disposition of certain conservation/recreation lands under the care, custody and control of the Department of Environmental Management within the town of Mashpee (House, No. 3416);

Joseph F.  
Feeney  
Courthouse.  
History Day.

Designating the South Boston Court House as the Chief Justice Joseph F. Feeney Courthouse (House, No. 3445);

Providing for the annual observance of Massachusetts History Day (House, No. 3465);

Falmouth,  
fund.

Relative to creation of certain funds in the town of Falmouth (House, No. 4134) [Local Approval Received];

Ayer, land  
conveyance.

Authorizing the town of Ayer to convey certain land (House, No. 4203) [Local Approval Received];

Chelsea,  
motor  
scooters.

Relative to the use of motor scooters within the city of Chelsea (House, No. 4207) [Local Approval Received];

Westborough  
and  
Shrewsbury.

Relative to extending the term of agreement between the town of Shrewsbury and the town of Westborough for the Westborough treatment plant (House, No. 4565) [Local Approval Received]; and

Apprentice  
linemen.

Relative to apprentice linemen (House, No. 4669);

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

School  
nutrition.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Resolutions to improve the health of children through appropriate school nutrition (House, No. 1464) be scheduled for consideration by the House. Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting the question, being on adoption.

*Engrossed Bill.*

Bill  
enacted.

The engrossed Bill further regulating the Barnstable County Septic Loan Program (see Senate, No. 2247, changed) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Order.*

Next  
sitting.

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

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At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Rush of Boston (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.