

Wednesday, March 4, 2009.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

The prayer was offered by Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Gracious God, in whom we place our trust and hope, we pause for a moment of meditation and prayer as we turn our attention to Your spiritual values. We look to You for guidance in organizing and evaluating the legislative and administrative matters which are on our agenda for today. As elected leaders inspire us to make the right, objective and ethical decisions in resolving the legislative matters which need our attention. May we always be aware of and alert to the concerns of both our constituents and of all the people in the Commonwealth in our effort to promote the common good. Grant us the wisdom and courage to keep all legislative proposals in perspective in planning for the present and for future generations. Help us to continue our united effort to keep the commonwealth a desirable place to live, work and rear our family. Teach us to remain faithful to our basic philosophical principles, personal humans and religious values and to the basic rights of each individual in our society. Prayer.

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

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pledge of allegiance.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Canavan of Brockton and Creedon of Brockton) honoring former Fire Chief Edward L. Burrell for his lifelong commitment and dedication to the city of Brockton; Edward L. Burrell.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Koczera of New Bedford) congratulating Bradley N. Castello on the occasion of his retirement; Bradley N. Castello.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Turner of Dennis) congratulating Matthew D. Zahn on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and Matthew D. Zahn.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Wolf of Cambridge and Stanley of Waltham) honoring Macy DeLong on her many accomplishments; Macy DeLong.

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. 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.

Paper from the Senate.

Randolph,—
town
charter.

A Bill to provide the voters of the town of Randolph a choice of charters for the new form of government (Senate, No. 14) (on Senate, No. 12) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

*Report of the Committee on
State Administration and Regulatory Oversight on
Executive Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2009.*

Reorganization
Plan No. 1,—
Executive
Department
agencies.

Mr. Walsh of Lynn, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2009 (submitted by the Governor under the provisions of Article LXXXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution) reorganizing certain agencies of the Executive Department (Senate, No. 11) [being a duplicate of House, No. 106] [For report, see Senate, No. 15],— reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23A, recommending that said Reorganization Plan Number 1 “ought to be approved”.

Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being “Shall this reorganization plan be approved”.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o’clock A.M.

At four minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Forry of Boston (Ms. Walz of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.