

Monday, March 16, 2009.

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:

Prayer. God, Our Creator, the Author of Truth and Hope, we take a moment to clear our minds and thoughts of today's personal concerns and responsibilities and open them to You for guidance. With Your assistance, we will be able to place all of our obligations in focus as we take up the issues of this day's agenda. Tomorrow, Evacuation Day, is a county holiday and is also St. Patrick's Day, a feast for all people. On St. Patrick's Day, we remember the religious spirit and religious commitment of the saint to the people of Ireland. This morning, we repeat the moving and famous blessings of St. Patrick:

"May the power of God guide you
May the wisdom of God teach you
May the eye of God watch over you
May the hand of God protect you
May the ways of God be clear to you
May the love of God overshadow you".

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. Petrolati), the members, guests and employees joined with her 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:

Ursel Louise Spence Wells. Resolutions (filed by Representatives Allen of Boston and Forry of Boston) congratulating Ursel Louise Spence Wells on the occasion of her 100th birthday;

Matthew S. Fay. Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Matthew W. Fay on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Nicolas Aram Terzian. Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Nicolas Aram Terzian on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Harriet Warshaw. Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Harriet Warshaw on her retirement from the Wellesley Board of Selectmen;

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the resolutions (reported

by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communication.

A communication from the Department of Energy Resources of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under the provisions of section 12 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting proposed final regulations (225 CMR 14.00, 15.00 and 16.00) implementing the renewable alternative portfolio standards (RPS and APS) as required by the Green Communities Act (House, No. 3644), was referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Division of Energy Resources,— regulations.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports Of the committee on Election Laws, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 346) of James B. Eldridge, Denise Provost, Matthew C. Patrick, Susan C. Tucker and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to fund-raising receptions during budget deliberations; and Budget deliberations.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 347) of James B. Eldridge, Steven J. D'Amico, Matthew C. Patrick, Denise Provost and other members of the General Court for legislation to restore public confidence in government by eliminating "pay to play" opportunities; and "Pay to play",— eliminate.

Of the committee on The Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1833) of Richard R. Tisei for legislation establishing criminal penalties for illegal lobbying; Illegal lobbying,— penalties.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

Order.

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

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M.