

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

Monday, March 23, 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).

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

Prayer.

Eternal God, at the beginning of this new workweek, we look to You for direction as we take up and address the legislative and administrative issues on our agenda. We pray for Your assistance in our sincere effort to evaluate correctly the legislative items and matters which come before us in a reasoned, fair and honorable manner. We also pray for Your gift of wisdom in our common effort to build trust, confidence and hope in You, in each other and in our constitutions. Inspire us to continue our common task of working together in making our communities and neighborhoods safe, civil and responsive to the needs of all citizens in these fast-changing times. Teach us to continue our long national tradition of recognizing and respecting the human, civil and religious rights of all. May we take a moment each day to thank You for our countless daily blessings, which we often take for granted.

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

Resolutions.

Belmont,—
sesqui-
centennial.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Brownsberger of Belmont) honoring the sesquicentennial of the founding of the town of Belmont, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.
