

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, April 1, 2010.

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. Ever-living God, we begin today's legislative session with a prayer of thanksgiving for our many material and spiritual blessings which we enjoy each day. We often take them for granted and so fail to recognize You, as the Giver of Every Good Gift. During this Passover and Easter season, we are quite conscious of Your presence in our lives and Your personal concern for our total well-being. Inspire us to respond to You and Your blessings by renewing our commitment to follow Your biblical and cultural message and spirit. Let the family spirit of the season unite all families in a greater love for, and trust in, each other. May all members of our communities unite their efforts in recognizing the biblical dignity and reverence for each individual in our diverse society. Happy Passover and Easter.

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.

Message from the Governor.

Millville,-- nomination papers. A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to certain nomination papers filed in the town of Millville (House, No. 4583), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, March 26, 2010.

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

Resolutions.

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

Falmouth,-- library and hospital. Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Patrick of Falmouth and Madden of Nantucket) commending the Falmouth Public Library and Falmouth Hospital for their service to cancer survivors; and

Tyler N. Adams. Resolutions (filed by Ms. Wolf of Cambridge) honoring Tyler N. Adams on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

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.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Forry of Boston, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on a petition, a Bill establishing a revolving fund for municipal building repair (House, No. 211). Read; and referred, under Rule 17G, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Municipal building repair.

By Ms. Forry of Boston, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on a petition, a Bill relative to financing the Smart Growth Housing Trust Fund (House, No. 197).

Smart Growth Housing Trust Fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill incorporating carsharing in smart growth planning (House, No. 204).

Smart growth,-- carsharing.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. Forry of Boston, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on a petition, a Bill relative to commercial rebate expiration (House, No. 203).

Commercial rebate expiration.

By Mr. Moran of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill relative to specially qualified voters (House, No. 674) [Representative Jones of North Reading dissenting].

Specially qualified voters.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to absentee voting (House, No. 676).

Absentee voting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to pre-registration of voters (House, No. 683).

Voters,-- pre-registration.

By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Stephen R. Fratalia, an employee of the Department of Probation (House, No. 4576).

Stephen R. Fratalia,-- sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Trial Court security department's office (House, No. 4577).

Stephanie Savini,-- sick leave.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Order.

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.

Next sitting.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.