

Monday, April 6, 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:

Eternal God, we begin today's legislative session on the first day of a new week which has special religious, personal and historical meaning for both the Jewish and Christian communities. It is a week in which the virtue of faith registers a special response in the hearts and minds of people who reflect on the significance of these religious happenings. The Jewish Community is preparing to observe Passover with rich religious and historical tradition. We wish our Jewish friends and associates a Passover bright with promise, filled with hope and blessed with peace. The Christian Community is preparing to celebrate the special days of Holy Week and finally Easter Sunday, feast of the resurrection of Jesus. We wish all Christians and happy, peaceful, joyful and blessed Easter. 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 him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pledge of allegiance.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Messrs. Calter of Kingston and Webster of Pembroke) congratulating Marcia K. Cole on the occasion of her retirement as an employee of the town of Halifax, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules. Marcia K. Cole.

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. Kafka of Stoughton (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the resolutions were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petition.

Mr. Frost of Auburn presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4049) of Paul K. Frost and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to the charter in the town of Auburn; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Auburn,—
charter.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Murphy of Burlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill modernizing the transportation systems of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2024) ought to pass with an Transportation
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amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4047. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee reported recommending that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2024, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed Resolve.

Resolve
passed.

The engrossed Resolve reviving and continuing the special commission relative to municipal relief (see Senate, No. 2027) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Paulette Wojtowicz, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 2604) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

Next
sitting.

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

At twenty-five 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 day at eleven o'clock A.M.