

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, April 18, 2006.

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.

God of Goodness and Truth, we pause for a moment of personal reflection and a prayer for Your guidance. We believe that Your assistance enables us to keep our personal goals, priorities and the direction of our lives in clear focus. Inspire us to make thoughtful, not emotional, decisions and choices in fulfilling our daily responsibilities. May our hearts and minds be open to You, Your ways and the needs of people in our districts who depend upon our mature, legislative judgments. In this age of worldwide terrorist activities and violence of all sorts, may the religious spirit of joy, peace and hope of Easter and Passover remain a reality in our daily living and in dealing with others.

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.

Petition.

Anthony Annino Bridge.

Mr. Donato of Medford presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Anthony Cataldo and Paul J. Donato for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the city of Medford as the Anthony Annino Bridge; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

Sidewalks, snow removal.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill relative to sidewalks (House, No. 4748),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Fire sprinkler systems.

Of the Bill requiring the installation of fire sprinkler systems in nursing homes, preschools and day care centers (House, No. 1911);

Substance abuse.

Of the Bill increasing public safety by ensuring access to substance abuse treatment (House, No. 3127, changed);

Cigarettes.

Of the Bill relative to flavored cigarettes in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3817); and

Of the Bill relative to the marketing of light cigarettes and the effect on public health (House, No. 3819);

Cigarettes.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence in the discharge of the committee.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jean Simonelli, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (House, No. 4784). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Jean Simonelli, sick leave.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Rushing of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 4712, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning the Truesdale Clinic in the city of Fall River (House, No. 4880).

Truesdale Clinic, study.

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, No. 3650, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning environmental issues (House, No. 4882).

Environment, study.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on House, Nos. 3221, 3222 and 3604, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Housing to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning zoning and residential development in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4881).

Housing, study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of said orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House No. 4655, reported, in part, a Bill to establish retiree health care liability funds for municipalities (House, No. 4887). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Municipalities, liability funds.

Emergency Measure.

Denise
Gamache,
sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Denise Gamache, an employee of the Department of Revenue (see Senate, No. 2248, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

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sitting.

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

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Petruccelli of Boston (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.