

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, August 11, 2008.

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, in Whom we place our confidence and trust, each day we pray for Your assistance and guidance as we try, to the best of our ability, to serve You, our constituents and our families faithfully. As elected leaders, inspire us to propose and to enact legislation which serves the current and long-term interests of the people, society and communities. We depend upon Your assistance as we strive to live our daily lives according to Your eternal plan, sound reasoning and Your precepts. In these uneasy and changing times of worldwide violence, help us to strengthen our traditional institutions which serve the best interests of the people and our society. May we remain committed to our personal goals and high personal ideals and standards.

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.

Guest of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated at the Clerk's desk, Mr. Eliot Wilson, Ph.D., Second Clerk of the Defense Committee of the House of Commons of the British Parliament.

Petition.

Mrs. Walrath of Stow presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5065) of Patricia A. Walrath and Pamela P. Resor (by vote of the town) that the town of Maynard be authorized to borrow money for certain remediation work relating to petroleum contamination and related costs; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill relative to Rutland Heights State Hospital (see Senate, No. 2353, 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.

Timothy M.
Larkin,
sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Timothy M. Larkin, an employee of the executive office of administration and finance (see House, No. 4955), 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.

Engrossed Bills.

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enacted.

Relative to children's mental health (see Senate, No. 2804, amended) (which originated in the Senate);

Authorizing the mayor to appoint an additional eight members to the reserve force of firefighters of the fire department of the city of Revere (see House, No. 4838); and

Relative to the cremation of bodies of certain deceased persons (see House, No. 4929, amended);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Next
sitting.

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

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Scaccia 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.