

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, August 18, 2008.

Met at twelve minutes after 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.

Gracious God, we depend upon You and Your assistance as we struggle each day to meet our legislative and personal responsibilities. We believe that Your help enables us to comprehend more clearly all issues and the consequences of our choices. In these uncertain and changing times, teach us to be open to the suggestions, insights and experiences of others in our quest for a peaceful, safe, civil and ethical society. May we have the wisdom and the courage to make fair, honest, reasoned and sometimes critical responses to the popular issues of the moment and the day. Inspire us to be fully aware of, and concerned with, daily, often-basic needs of people in our districts.

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.

Report of a Committee.

Registry of Motor Vehicles, photographs.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill providing automobile insurance special investigators with access to Registry of Motor Vehicle photographs (Senate, No. 2120, amended), and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the reference.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Hospital beds.

Relative to determination of need for hospital beds (Senate, No. 1267) (on a petition);

Sewer system.

Relative to the sewer system of the town of Ware (Senate, No. 2731) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Ware, revolving fund.

Establishing a revolving fund in the town of Ware (Senate, No. 2732) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Orange, appointments.

Relative to the appointment of the board of assessors, town collector and town treasurer in the town of Orange (Senate, No. 2788) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2871) of Benjamin B. Downing and Denis E. Guyer (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to recall in the town of Middlefield, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws. Middlefield, recall.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill relative to biomedical research (see House, No. 4812), 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. Biomedical research.

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 10 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill prohibiting restrictive covenants for social workers (see House, No. 1873) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

Quorum.

Mr. McMurtry of Dedham then asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was in attendance. Quorum.

A quorum not being present, under the provisions of Rule 82, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), at a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., declared an adjournment of the House until Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.