

# JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, August 21, 2008.

Met at ten 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.

Eternal God, each day we try to respond in a thoughtful, caring and reasoned manner to the legislative issues of the day and to the variety of human needs of people in our districts and in the Commonwealth. As elected officials, Your gift of wisdom enables us to be patient listeners in our search for truth as we evaluate and examine critically the often complex and difficult legislative and ethical issues of the moment. Inspire us to enact sound legislative and administrative programs which will meet the needs of our society today and tomorrow. Teach us to continue to respect the human dignity and rights of all individuals in these times of violence against innocent people.

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.

### Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Framingham, maintenance facility.

By Representative Sannicandro of Ashland and Senator Spilka, joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5082) of Tom Sannicandro and others (by vote of the town) that the town of Framingham be authorized to erect a maintenance facility. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Medford, early retirement.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5081) of Paul J. Donato and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Medford be authorized to provide for an early incentive retirement for its workforce. To the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

### Papers from the Senate.

Wildlands, etc. Special commission funding study.

A Resolve relative to a special commission to study innovative methods for funding the conservation of forested wildlands and woodlands in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2874) (on Senate bill No. 477), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2875) of Richard R. Tisei, Thomas M. McGee and Katherine M. Clark (with the approval the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the placement on the official ballot to be used in the city of Melrose at the biennial state election to be held in November 2008 two questions relative to the licensing of purveyors of beer and wine in the city of Melrose, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Melrose, ballot question.

### Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill relative to the study on methods to reduce incidents of suicide (House, No. 2165) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Suicide, study.

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

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Balser of Newton, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to the conversion by a Massachusetts chartered credit union to a federal charter (House, No. 1106) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Credit unions, federal charters.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Scaccia of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill for a special law regarding the designation of polling places in the city of Boston (House, No. 4983) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Boston, polling places.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

### Motion to Discharge a Certain Matter in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Kaufman of Lexington moved that the House Bill relative to blood donations by minors (House, No. 4547), be discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and considered forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47; and the motion prevailed.

Blood Donations, minors.

The bill (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, then was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

### 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 half past eleven o'clock A.M., declared an adjournment of the House until Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.