

Tuesday, September 4, 2007.

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:

God, Our Creator, this new month, September, offers us interesting challenges and opportunities for addressing proposed and current legislative items. This month also marks the opening of a new academic year across the nation. In this rapidly changing world, we pray that students and faculties have the vision to prize and seek academic excellence at all levels of education. Vision also includes the developing of high ethical standards in personal conduct and a sense of purpose in daily living. In our mobile society, help us to make our communities safe, peaceful and stable for our families.

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.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Natick to enter into a certain lease agreement (House, No. 3968) came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

“Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the board of selectmen of the town of Natick is hereby authorized to enter into a lease agreement for the property at 20 Middlesex avenue for a term not to exceed 99 years for the purpose of construction, operation and management of a facility to provide public parking, residential use or commercial use and parking associated with said residential or commercial use; provided, however, that said lease shall be subject to the provisions of section 16 of chapter 30B of the General Laws.”

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Linsky of Natick, the amendment (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, as changed) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A Bill relative to brain aneurysm awareness month (Senate, No. 1870) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committees.

Burton W. Gerrig.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Resolve in favor of Burton W. Gerrig, Esquire (House, No. 1382) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

Barnstable,—
Korean War
Veterans
rest area.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill designating a certain rest area in the town of Barnstable as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Rest Area (House, No. 3425, changed) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

Engrossed Bills.

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Bills enacted.

Authorizing the town of Rehoboth to grant a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see Senate, No. 2270) (which originated in the Senate);

Designating a certain parcel of land in the town of Canton as the Clyde S. Pushard Field (see House, No. 750); and

Relative to retirement benefits for Thomas Kamataris (see House, No. 4077);

(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.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill relative to garages in the first fire zone in the city of Boston (House, No. 4167) (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.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

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

Next sitting.



Ms. Grant of Beverly then moved that as a mark of respect to the memory of Herbert S. Tuckerman, a member of the House from Beverly from 1953 to 1956, inclusive, the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at eighteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Spellane of Worcester (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.