

Monday, October 5, 2009.

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. Eternal God, the Ultimate Source of Goodness and Truth, we pause for a moment of personal reflection and prayer. We look to You for guidance and direction as we face and evaluate the legislative matters which come before us this day. We believe that with Your assistance we are well prepared to address the needs of both constituents and the Commonwealth in an objective and caring manner. We also believe that You are with us in our daily struggle to cope with our crowded schedules, the needs of our constituents, our communities and families in this changing world. May our hearts and minds be filled with enthusiasm, hope, creativity and courage to select those legislative options which meet the needs of society, the times and the people. Let our public policy discussions and our dialogue remain reasoned, civil and thoughtful.

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.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Ronald and June Everton. Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating Ronald and June Everton on their fiftieth wedding anniversary; and

John MacGillivray. Resolutions (filed by Representatives Linsky of Natick and Peisch of Wellesley) honoring John MacGillivray for his years of dedicated service to the town of Natick;

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

Devens Enterprise Commission. A Bill authorizing the Devens Enterprise Commission to grant a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2049) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received],

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

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Natural heritage. A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2169) of Stephen J. Buoniconti for legislation to designate natural heritage functions of the Department of Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Affordable health plans. A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2170) of Richard T. Moore, Michael O. Moore, Stephen M. Brewer and Susan C. Tucker for legislation relative to an affordable health plan. To the committee on Health Care Financing.

Reports of Committees.

Family child care providers. By Ms. Walz of Boston, for the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 494) of Angelo M. Scaccia, Joan M. Menard and others for legislation to improve early education and care for children by family child care providers,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Small house nursing homes. By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2147) of Kathi-Anne Reinstein, Louis L. Kafka and others relative to promoting the development of small house nursing homes in the Commonwealth,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Elder Affairs.

Funeral directors. By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3916) of Peter J. Koutoujian, Viriato Manuel deMacedo and others relative to further regulating funeral directors,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Nursing home residents. By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Public Health, on House, No. 3416, a Bill to protect nursing home residents (House, No. 4270). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Mary Markley,— sick leave. By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Mary Markley, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 4233).

Michael Jordan,— sick leave. By the same member, for the same committee on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michael Jordan, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 4250).

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Permitting. By Ms. Forry of Boston, for the committee on Community Development and Small Business, on a petition, a Bill relative to the permit extension act of 2009 (House, No. 3647, changed in section 3, in lines 4 to 37, inclusive, by striking out the paragraph contained therein) [Senator Eldridge and Representative Miceli of Wilmington, dissenting]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

*Orders of the Day.*

Revere,—  
city  
officers. The House Bill relative to the tenure of the city clerk, city collector and city engineer of the city of Revere (House, No. 3708) (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.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Reinstein of Revere moved to amend it by adding the following section:

“SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3708, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Order.*

Next sitting. On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—  
*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Representatives Reinstein of Revere and Sciortino of Medford then moved that as a mark of respect to the memory of William A. Pickett, a member of the House from Somerville from 1969 to 1978, inclusive, the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.