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Monday, October 6, 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:

Prayer.

Gracious God, we pause for a moment to offer a prayer and to reflect silently as we focus our thoughts and attention on You, Our Creator and Ultimate Goal. We believe that You are with us, care for us and watch over us every moment of the day. We also believe that we can count on You and Your assistance as we try to cope with the many complex political, economic and societal issues in the nation and the Commonwealth. Help us to make the most reasoned, just and fair legislative decisions which are open to us. As individuals and citizens we may disagree on issues, but remain united in promoting the common good, peace and economic prosperity for all. In this era of global relations, wars and violence against the innocent, inspire us to continue to recognize and respect the constitutional rights of all individuals.

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.

New Salem,  
Joseph  
O'Loughlin  
Pond.

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill relative to the naming of the Joseph O'Loughlin Pond (House, No. 5097). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

### *Reports of Committees.*

John  
Vitale,  
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 John Vitale an employee of the land court (House, No. 5101).

Franklin,  
underground utilities.

By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Franklin to appropriate funds and incur debt for the purpose of removing overhead utilities and replacing the same with underground facilities (House, No. 5106) [Local Approval Received].

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

### *Quorum.*

Mr. Galvin of Canton 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 five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., declared an adjournment of the House until tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.