

Tuesday, October 13, 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:

Eternal God, we open our hearts and minds to You, Your ways and precepts as we struggle to resolve the legislative and administrative issues of this and every day. In Your goodness, inspire us to evaluate, recognize and implement legislation which in our judgment serves the best interests of the people, the Commonwealth and society. May we be fair, thoughtful and honest in discussing those issues which are sensitive or controversial in our diverse districts. We pray for a receptive mind, an understanding heart and a sympathetic spirit. As citizens of the Commonwealth, teach us to plan and to work together in proposing goals which serve the people now and future generations. May we be grateful for all the blessings and benefits which we enjoy today as the result of the vision of our predecessors and remember them in our thoughts and prayers.

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.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Driscoll of Braintree) congratulating Kenneth J. McHugh on the occasion of his retirement as Chief of the Braintree Fire Department;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Daniel Vittori Baker on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Thomas Crane on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Forrest William Gaskia on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Scott Drake Kavooagian on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Smizik of Brookline) celebrating October 18th, 2009 as the Trail of Thai Royalty Day;

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 Mr. Murphy of Burlington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Brockton,—  
foreclosures. By Mrs. Canavan of Brockton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4276) of Christine E. Canavan, Michael D. Brady and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to establishing a moratorium on foreclosures in the city of Brockton.

Brockton,—  
tenants. By Mrs. Canavan of Brockton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4277) of Christine E. Canavan, Geraldine Creedon and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the protection of tenants of foreclosed property in the city of Brockton.

Brockton,—  
judicial approval. By Mrs. Canavan of Brockton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4278) of Christine E. Canavan, Geraldine Creedon and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to judicial approval of foreclosures of residential mortgages in the city of Brockton.

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

Brewster,—  
water board. By Mr. Turner of Dennis, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4279) of Cleon H. Turner and Robert A O'Leary (by vote of the town) relative to the board of water commissioners in the town of Brewster. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government; and

Cambridge,—  
retirement. By Mr. Toomey of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4280) of Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., William N. Brownsberger and others (with the approval of the city council) relative to certain members of the retirement system in city of Cambridge. To the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Templeton,—  
liquor license. The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Templeton to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2063) (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.

*Reports of Committees.*

Maureen Wright,—  
sick leave. By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill to establish a sick leave bank for Maureen Wright, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (Senate, No. 2058, amended),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoissett, for the committee on the Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial skating rink in the city of North Adams (House, No. 3550).

North Adams,—  
skating rink.

By Mr. Spellane of Worcester, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Newton retirement board to grant a superannuation retirement allowance to Frank Albano (House, No. 4117) [Local Approval Received]. Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Newton,—  
Frank Albano.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Bill to modernize the Board of Registration of Social Workers (House, No. 174) be scheduled for consideration by the House. Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading, with the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure (House, No.4262) pending.

Social workers,—  
registration.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following matters be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate bill authorizing the town of Charlton to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 114, amended); and

Charlton,—  
liquor license.

House bills  
Relative to technical corrections regarding the further protection of children (House, No. 1589);

Child protection.

Authorizing the town of Westborough to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 1891);

Westborough,—  
liquor license.

Authorizing the town of Westborough to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 1892);

Id.

To designate Polish American congress day (House, No. 3035, changed); and

Polish day.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Michael Jordan, an employee of the Department of the Trial Court (House, No. 4250);

Michael Jordan,—  
sick leave.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

*Order.*

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

Next sitting.

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M.