

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, October 20, 2008.

Met at seven 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:

God of Goodness and Truth, at the beginning of each day, our top priority for the day is to serve constituents, our families and You, Our Creator, in a thoughtful, generous and responsible manner. We believe that with Your assistance, we will be successful in carrying out these priorities. We also ask for Your guidance as we struggle to resolve the often complex, emotional and sensitive legislative and administrative items of the day in our communities. Teach us to be open to the needs and experiences of people who look to us for help as we together address current societal and economic issues. As elected leaders, let our hearts and minds be filled with enthusiasm, hope and confidence in You, our basic institutions and in our ability to meet and to resolve the numerous challenges of these uncertain and uneasy times.

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.

Recesses.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Fagan of Taunton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until the hour of two o'clock P.M.; and at ten minutes after two o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

The House thereupon took a further recess, on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville, until the hour of three o'clock; and at eight minutes after three o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Campbell of Methuen and L'Italien of Andover) on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the Giordano family Methuen karate organization;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Campbell of Methuen and other members of the House) welcoming His Beatitude Gregorios III Laham, patriarch of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, during his 2008

pontifical visit to the United States on the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the Melkite Greek Catholic Annunciation Cathedral in Roslindale;

Thrombosis
Month.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Puppolo of Springfield and Rush of Boston) recognizing November 2008 as Thrombosis Month in Massachusetts; and

Acadian
Social
Club.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rice of Gardner) on the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Acadian Social Club;

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

Report of a Committee.

Hull,
tax bills.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the town of Hull to designate a check off on its tax bills (House, No. 4842) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

*Motions to Discharge Certain Matters
in the Orders of the Day.*

Danvers, liquor
license.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Danvers to issue an additional liquor license for the sale of wine and malt beverages (House, No. 4875), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn (its title having been changed by said committee), was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville; and it was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Hopkinton, val-
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acts.

The House Bill validating the actions taken at a certain special town meeting in the town of Hopkinton (printed in House, No. 4888), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville; and it was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Charles
River,
commission.

The House Bill establishing a Charles River water quality commission (House, No. 5041), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Quorum.

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Mr. Galvin of Canton then asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was in attendance.

A quorum not being present, under the provisions of Rule 82, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), at a quarter after three o'clock P.M., declared an adjournment of the House until tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.