

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

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Wednesday, October 22, 2008.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mrs. Haddad of Somerset 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, each day we have to cope with the stress, the challenges and the demands which are made upon our time, energy and creativity in addressing and resolving public policy and legislative matters. As a consequence we look to You for assistance in our search for the right, the ethical, the just and the responsible remedies to our current needs. We pray for the vision and the wisdom to build communities and a society which will prosper in our present changing and competitive world. In this age of violence against innocent people around the world, grant us the courage to protect and respect the dignity and rights of all in our society. Inspire us to help all people in achieving the purpose for which they have been created by You, Our Creator. Prayer.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mrs. Haddad), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pledge of allegiance.

### *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) congratulating Cole Lambert Cahalane of Norfolk upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout; Cole  
Lambert  
Cahalane.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) congratulating Robert McFarland of Norfolk upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout; and Robert  
McFarland.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) congratulating Andrew O'Brien Stillman of Norfolk upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout; Andrew  
O'Brien  
Stillman.

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 Mrs. Walrath of Stow, 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:

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John J. Binienda that Quinsigamond Community College be Rose  
Andrea,

sick leave.

authorized to establish a sick leave bank for Rose Andrea, an employee of said college.

School,  
business  
administrators.

By Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater (by request), petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert Bunker that school business administrators employed in the public schools of the Commonwealth be required to hold a degree of masters in business administration.

Boston,  
street  
gangs.

By Mr. Rush of Boston, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael F. Rush (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the criminal activities of street gangs and the imposition of penalties for "tagging" activities and the defacement of property in the city of Boston.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

*Motion to Discharge a Certain Matter  
in the Orders of the Day.*

Claire  
Smallcomb,  
sick leave.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Claire Smallcomb, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 5110) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and read a third time, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

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sitting.

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

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At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.