

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Friday, October 24, 2008.

Met at sixteen minutes after one o'clock P.M., in an Informal Session, with Ms. Forry of Boston 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.

God, Our Creator, we believe that You have a personal concern for, and interest in, our human and spiritual well-being. Your concern for us and Your constant presence in our daily lives gives us the courage to face squarely all of our legislative challenges and our opportunities for serving others with confidence, enthusiasm and hope. Grant us the wisdom to comprehend clearly and accurately the difficult issues of this and every day as we try to resolve the current needs of people, our neighborhoods and society. Inspire us to continue our efforts to build confidence and trust in our federal and state constitutions, in each other and in our fundamental basic human institutions. May we continue to recognize and respect the human rights of all, especially the innocent, the vulnerable and those members of society who cannot care for themselves.

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 (Ms. Forry), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Paper from the Senate.

Malden, geriatric authority.

A Bill establishing the geriatric authority of Malden (Senate, No. 2844, amended in section 10A (as printed), in lines 153, 154 and 155, by striking out the sentence contained therein and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: "The limitation on indebtedness in section 10 of chapter 44 of the General Laws shall apply to any indebtedness incurred pursuant to this act.") (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.

Recess.

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At twenty-two minutes after one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Ms. Forry of Boston being in the Chair), the House recessed until the hour of three o'clock; and at eight minutes after three o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Reports of Committees.

Stationary emergency vehicles.

By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to operating a motor vehicle when

approaching stationary emergency vehicles (Senate, No. 2103, amended) ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5120. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendment pending.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Forry of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2103, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Matters Discharged from the Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill relative to consumer protection in life insurance contracts (Senate, No. 2818, amended) (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, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton; and it was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment previously adopted by the House.

Life insurance contracts.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Stephen Kazarian, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2880), 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 Mr. McMurtry of Dedham; and it was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Stephen Kazarian, sick leave.

The House Bill relative to specially qualified voters (House, No. 688), 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 Mr. Galvin of Canton; and it was read a third time.

Voters, residency.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Bradley of Hingham moved to amend it by substitution of a Bill extending the grace period for voter residency (House, No. 5121), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At a quarter after three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.