

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Friday, October 31, 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:

Eternal God, we begin each day with a right intention of serving You, our families and our constituents. With Your assistance, we believe that we will be successful. We also depend upon Your help in our efforts to meet the needs of the Commonwealth, our districts and the people who look to us for fair, objective and honorable decisions and legislation. Inspire us in our efforts to make our communities peaceful, safe, ethical and drug-free. May we also continue our efforts, with Your guidance, to respect the dignity and the human civil and religious rights of all in our communities with an emphasis on the rights of the most senior adults, the most vulnerable and the innocent. Teach us to be an example to the world of a nation that is concerned with the well-being of all people.

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.

Appointments to Special Commissions.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Representatives Donato of Medford (co-chair), Peisch of Wellesley and Kujawski of Webster to the special commission established (under Section 97 of Chapter 173 of the Acts of 2008) to make an investigation and study of the feasibility of innovative local revenue-generating measures in an effort to provide revenue relief to municipalities.

The Speaker also announced the appointment of Representative Harkins of Needham to the special commission established (under Section 112 of Chapter 182 of the Acts of 2008) to make an investigation and study of the manner in which municipalities and towns of the Commonwealth balance their fiscal year budgets.

Recess.

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Linsky of Natick (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at eighteen minutes after three o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Report of a Committee.

Food
allergies,
awareness.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill relative to food allergy awareness in restaurants (Senate, No. 2701) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

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sitting.

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

At twenty minutes after three o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow (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.