

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, November 6, 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:

God, Our Creator, we take this moment to offer a prayer of petition to You and to seek Your guidance and direction as we carry out our daily obligations. In responding to our constitutional and personal responsibilities, grant us the wisdom to comprehend the total pressing present needs of people and our communities. In responding to current issues and challenges, grant us the courage to remain faithful to our own high ideals, lofty goals and our philosophical and religious principles and values. Teach us to dialogue together and to be open to new accurate data in our desire to address successfully the complex issues in our society. In connecting with people, may we reason together and avoid empty emotional responses as we try together to plan for a bright future for the Commonwealth.

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.

Paper from the Senate.

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Honorable Salvatore F. DiMasi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Room 356, State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Therese Murray, President of the Senate, has announced the removal of Senator Dianne Wilkerson as Senate Co-Chair to the Special Commission established (pursuant to Subsection 16O of Section 3 of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2006) relative to health care disparities, and the appointment of Senator Susan C. Fargo as Senate Co-Chair to the commission.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. WELCH,
Clerk of the Senate.

*Report of a Committee.*Franklin
Regional
Government.

By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill relative to the voting practices of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (House, No. 5134). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

*Engrossed Resolve.*Resolve
passed.

The engrossed Resolve providing for a plaque at the State House to honor the contributions of African Americans to the Commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2812) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Recess.

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

*Motions to Discharge Certain Matters
in the Orders of the Day.*John
Vitale,
sick leave.
Maryan
Labaire,
sick leave.

House bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for John Vitale an employee of the land court (House, No. 5101);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Maryan Labaire, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 5118, changed); and

Tracy
Kelly,
sick leave.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Tracy Kelly, an employee of the Cambridge Division of the District Court Department (House, No. 5119);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Smith of Everett, in each instance; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Order.*Next
sitting.

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.

At five minutes after four 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.