

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, November 12, 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:

Gracious God, we look to You for assistance and guidance in our daily effort to craft legislation and administrative actions which meet the needs and reasonable expectations of constituents. In Your goodness, inspire us, as elected leaders, to examine thoughtfully and critically the legislative proposals which come to us for our consideration. In this uneasy economic and political climate, help us, as a society, to develop an overall common purpose. Grant us the energies to work together for achieving that purpose even with our multiplicity of agenda items. In formulating our proposals for legislation, we pray for the courage, wisdom and the good sense to remain faithful to our traditional principles, goals, ideals and human and spiritual values. May we continue to recognize our blessings and to utilize Your gifts to us wisely.

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.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Rushing of Boston) congratulating Rosaria Salerno on her recognition by the Fenway Community Development Corporation, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Fagan of Taunton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill authorizing the city of New Bedford to enact and enforce ordinances pertaining to the regulation or prohibition of the use of motorized bicycles and motorized scooters on public ways within said city's limits (House, No. 4053),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the reference.

Alan
Antonucci, sick
leave.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Alan Antonucci, an employee of the Middlesex sheriff's office (House, No. 5144). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.