

Monday, November 26, 2007.

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, the Christmas Season is time for giving to others and for goodwill towards all. The Salvation Army volunteers on street corners, the boxes of toys for tots, and clothing for the needy as well as the drives for food pantries remind us of this special time of the year. In these uncertain and changing times, inspire us to implement the spirit of good will as we address the current legislative proposals which come before us. Teach us to dialogue, as interested citizens, in planning for the future of our communities and our families. May Your values, commandments and principles guide us in our decision-making activities.

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.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) honoring Kendra J. Farling on the occasion of her retirement; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Scibak of South Hadley) congratulating Sofie and Josef Ketelaar on their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary;

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 Mr. Murphy of Burlington, 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. Welch of West Springfield, for the committee on Community Development and Small Business, on House, Nos. 146 and 170, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Community Development and Small Business to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning small business tax classification (House, No. 4390).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 154, 155, 174 and 176, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on

Prayer.

Pledge of allegiance.

Kendra J. Farling.

Sofie and Josef Ketelaar.

Tax classification,—study.

Small business,—study.

Consumer Protection and Small Business to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning small business (House, No. 4391).

Food products,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 153, 172 and 173, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Community Development and Small Business to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning the sale of food products (House, No. 4392).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of said orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill exempting the positions of police and fire chiefs in the town of Burlington from the civil service law (House, No. 2363) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Second reading bill.

The House Bill authorizing Michael McHugh to take the civil service examination for police officer (House, No. 4271) was read a second time; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Next sitting.

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

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Fresolo of Worcester (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.