

Tuesday, December 15, 2009.

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:

Prayer.

Gracious God, we set aside a few moments, as we begin our day, to organize our priorities and our agenda for the day. We try to begin our day with our thoughts tuned to You and splendid realities. Our daily intention is to serve You, our families and our constituents in a faithful and conscientious manner. At this stressful time of the year, we often find it difficult to respond in an appropriate way to our intention and desires. In Your goodness help us to keep our priorities in clear focus as we respond to the issues of the moment. May our intentions remain to be good listeners, thoughtful speakers and understanding leaders. Teach us to be open and reasoned in dealing with others as we try to understand their viewpoints and goals. May the peace and joy of this season remain in our hearts and minds.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and to their families. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance.

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.

*Report of a Committee.*

Sharon,—  
liquor  
license.

By Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill allowing the town of Sharon to grant licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages at a food store, not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4371) [Local Approval Received]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

*Quorum.*

Quorum.

Mr. Stanley of Waltham then asked for a count of the House to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

A quorum not being present, under House Rule 82, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), at six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., declared an adjournment of the House, until the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.