

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, December 22, 2005.

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 of Goodness and Love, we pause for a moment of thoughtful prayer and personal reflection and to open our hearts and minds to You, Our Creator, the Lord of History. These December days, the first days of winter, have a special historical and religious significance and meaning for the Christian and Jewish communities. Christians are celebrating the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and the Jewish Community is observing a biblical event, Chanukah, feast of lights and dedication. We are grateful that, as citizens of this great nation, we enjoy the freedoms to celebrate our religious beliefs. May the special spirit of goodwill towards all and concern for the needs of others in our communities remain with us throughout the entire year.

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.

Changes in a Joint Special Commission.

The Speaker announced that Representative Petrolati of Ludlow had been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the special commission established (under Section 37 of Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2005) to make an investigation and study of the production of cable television coverage of legislative sessions, committee hearings, and other legislative administrative proceedings, and that Representative Scaccia of Boston had been appointed to said committee to fill the vacancy.

The membership of said commission on the part of the House is as follows: Representative Dempsey of Haverhill (Chair), Scaccia of Boston and Rogeness of Longmeadow.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. DiMasi of Boston, Donato of Medford and other members of the House) celebrating the 2006 NTDTV Chinese New Year Global Gala;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Linsky of Natick and Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Douglas Abrahamsen on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Richard
Thomas
Horan III.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Richard Thomas Horan III on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Joseph M.
Germaine.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating Joseph M. Germaine on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Scott P.
McQuire.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating Scott P. McQuire on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Matthew J.
Wainwright.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating Matthew J. Wainwright on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Raymond S.
Ewer.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) congratulating Raymond S. Ewer of Norfolk on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Matthew
Keleher.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Ross of Wrentham and Harkins of Needham) congratulating Matthew Keleher of Medfield on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Nolan
Mayer.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Ross of Wrentham and Harkins of Needham) congratulating Nolan Mayer of Medfield on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Kevin
Scheld.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Ross of Wrentham and Harkins of Needham) congratulating Kevin Scheld of Medfield on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Jeffrey W.
Gladney.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vallee of Franklin) congratulating Jeffrey W. Gladney on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Mrs. Harkins, 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 the same member, 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.

Billerica
EMS.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill changing the retirement classification of emergency medical services employees in the town of Billerica (Senate, No. 2093),—and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

North
Reading,
town
meeting.

By Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to town meetings in the town of North Reading (House, No. 4573) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Wolf of Cambridge, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to the Cherry Valley and Rochdale Water District (House, No. 1290) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill relative to automatic amusement devices (Senate, No. 1350, amended) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Maureen Quinney, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (House, No. 4450) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to the salary of the mayor of the city of Lawrence (House, No. 4506) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on Senate, No. 2059 and House, Nos. 1308, 1344, 3546 and 3891, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning environmental issues (House, No. 4586).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 507, 508, 512, 521 and 530 and House, Nos. 1291, 1298, 1311, 1328, 1352, 1360, 1373, 1378, 1386, 1400, 1403, 1404, 2878, 3145 and 3237, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning environmental issues (House, No. 4587).

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.

Cherry Valley/
Rochdale
Water District.

Automatic
amusement
devices.

Maureen
Quinney,
sick leave
bank.

Lawrence,
mayor's
salary.

Environment,
study.

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Midwives
and
physicians,
collaboration.

By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to the collaboration of nurse-midwives and physicians (House, No. 2679). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Prescription
drug
coverage.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill providing emergency prescription drug coverage for seniors and the disabled (Senate, No. 2310, amended) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Fraud.
School
children,
health.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the following bills ought to pass:

Bill relative to discourage fraud (House, No. 3013); and

Bill relative to enhancing the health of school children (House, No. 3637);

Severally referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Peabody
Municipal
Light Plant.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on a petition, a Bill relative to the city of Peabody Municipal Light Plant (House, No. 4462) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bills.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill to promote the financial integrity of public charities (see House, No. 4357) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed bills

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing a public waterfront walkway to be exempted from the harbor line in the Charlestown Navy Yard in the city of Boston (see House, No. 1305, changed);

Authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Brookline (see House, No. 4222);

Establishing the Concord Housing Development Corporation (see House, No. 4320); and

Establishing a revolving fund in the town of Sudbury (see House, No. 4389, changed);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Recesses.

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At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until half past of twelve o'clock noon;

and at twenty minutes before one o'clock P.M. House was called to order with Mrs. Harkins of Needham in the Chair.

The Chair (Mrs. Harkins) thereupon declared a further recess until a quarter before two o'clock; and at that time the House was called to order with Mrs. Harkins in the Chair.

The Chair (Mrs. Harkins) thereupon declared a further recess until half past two o'clock; and at twenty-three minutes before three o'clock the House was called to order with Mrs. Harkins in the Chair.

The Chair (Mrs. Harkins) thereupon declared a further recess until half past three o'clock; and at that time the House was called to order with Mrs. Harkins in the Chair.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations (under Section 7 of Chapter 150E of the General Laws to fund collective bargaining agreements between the University of Massachusetts and various unions (House, No. 4592) was filed this day in the office of the Clerk.

UMass.,
collective
bargaining.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of Stephen M. Brewer, Edward M. Augustus, Jr., John J. Binienda, James B. Leary and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide for completion of the Korean War Memorial of Central Massachusetts and a walkway of honor recognizing Massachusetts' fallen war heroes and Gold Star families, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Central
region,
Korean War
memorial.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2323) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At eleven minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater (Mrs. Harkins of Needham being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.