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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mrs. Haddad of Somerset 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 Father Rick Walsh of the Paulist Fathers, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Righteousness and Justice, we pray today for our legislators and their staff as they forge ahead this session.

Prayer.

Today we honor one of the names on our chamber's fresco. Theophilus Parsons was born on Feb 24, 1750 in Newbury. A graduate of Harvard College he studied law and became a member of this legislative body in 1787. He helped John Adams draft our state constitution. He later helped author the initial amendments to the U.S. Constitution that enabled Massachusetts delegates to ratify it. From 1806 to 1813 he served as Chief Justice of the MA Supreme Court. As the court leader, his decisions on commerce helped define the rights and responsibilities of corporations in the early days of the nation.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

At the request of the Chair (Mrs. Haddad), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Gordon of Bedford) congratulating the town of Burlington on the occasion of the two hundred and twentieth anniversary of its incorporation as a town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Burlington,—
incorporation.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 22) of Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Tewksbury to grant 8 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Tewksbury,—
liquor
licenses.

Reports of Committees.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Anna Paula Ferreira [sic] an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (House, No. 77). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Anna Paula
Ferreira,—
sick leave.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next
sitting.

At three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.