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JOURNAL OF THE SENATE IN JOINT SESSION.

Tuesday, January 21, 2016.

Pursuant to assignment, at fourteen minutes before seven o'clock P.M, the two branches met in

JOINT SESSION

In the Chamber of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of receiving such communication as His Excellency Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth, may be pleased to make relative to the concerns of the Commonwealth; and were called to order by the Honorable Stanley C. Rosenberg, President of the Senate.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to consist of members of the Senate and House of Representatives to wait upon Her Honor Karyn E. Polito, the Lieutenant-Governor, the Constitutional Officers, members of the Executive Council, the Supreme Judicial Court and other distinguished guests of the Governor and inform them that the two branches are now in Convention and request the honor of their presence.

Senators Chandler, Lovely, Brownsberger, Humason and deMacedo were appointed on the part of the Senate; and Representatives Nangle of Lowell, Poirier of North Attleborough, Berthiaume of Spencer, Carvalho of Boston, D'Emilia of Bridgewater, Kelcourse of Amesbury, McGonagle of Everett, McKenna of Webster, Mom of Lowell, Muradian of Grafton, Vieira of Falmouth, Vincent of Revere, Madaro of East Boston, Zlotnik of Gardner and Gonzalez of Springfield, were appointed on the part of the House.

Subsequently, Ms. Chandler, for the committee, reported that the Lieutenant-Governor, Constitutional officers, the Executive Council, members of the Supreme Judicial Court and distinguished guests would immediately attend upon the convention.

Shortly thereafter, the Lieutenant-Governor, Constitutional officers, members of the Executive Council, members of the Supreme Judicial Court, and distinguished guests entered the Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Invocation.

The President then introduced Reverend Dr. Sarah Drummond of the Andover Newton Theological School, who gave the following Invocation:

Holy One, we call you by many names and seek you walking different paths. We honor each other's pursuit of truth. As we acknowledge the Spirit that we can't see, measure, or even describe, we are bold to ask that we might be blessed with that Spirit tonight. We bid the presence of whatever each of us calls holy on this night of reflecting back and looking forward toward the future of our Commonwealth.

We pray for those who heard the call to a life of service and answered it through giving of themselves to our beloved Massachusetts. Leadership is... difficult... particularly at a time when stakes are high, scrutiny is constant, and neither trust nor forgiveness is easy to come by. We give thanks that your children gathered here have taken up the yoke despite the sacrifices service requires. May those who lead – even when they’re criticized, or when they try and fail – sense that the rewards for what they do for others will come back to them in the form of a flourishing world.

Tonight we especially lift up your servant, Charles Duane Baker IV. We thank you that he cares for those in our Commonwealth who are most vulnerable: people afflicted with addiction; women, men, and children without homes; those who are detained or in prison; cities and small towns that seek to build community in the midst of scarce resources. We ask that Governor Baker’s words might come from his heart, and that his heart might be strengthened by the presence of all who have gathered to hear his vision.

We look ahead to this evening together as a time when we might grow in unity. May the God of our understandings bless this gathering and bring new life to our Commonwealth through all that is said and done in this venerable, historic space, tonight and always. Amen.

Order Adopted.

The President in the Chair, on motion of Ms. Forry,--

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to consist of members of the Senate and the House of Representatives to wait upon His Excellency the Governor and inform him that the two branches are now in Convention for the purpose of receiving such communication as he may be pleased to make to them, relating to the concerns of the Commonwealth.

Senators Spilka, Petrucci, DiDomenico, Ross and Fattman were appointed on the part of the Senate; and Representatives Donato of Medford, Jones of North Reading, Hill of Ipswich, Barrows of Mansfield, Ayers of Quincy, Day of Stoneham, Ehrlich of Marblehead, Ferguson of Holden, Garballey of Arlington, Holmes of Boston, Livingstone of Boston, Muratore of Plymouth, Tucker of Salem, Ultrino of Malden, Tosado of Springfield, Whipps Lee of Athol, were appointed on the part of the House.

The President then recognized several dignitaries seated throughout the Chamber

Subsequently, Ms. Spilka, for the committee, reported that His Excellency the Governor, Charles D. Baker, would immediately attend upon the convention.

Honor Guard.

Posting of the Colors was executed by the Massachusetts State Police, Massachusetts State Police Pipes and Drums, Massachusetts National Guard, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Massachusetts Environmental Police, UMass Amherst ROTC, MBTA transit Police and Massachusetts Department of Correction.

National Anthem.

The President then introduced Boston Police Officer Kim Tavares who performed the National Anthem.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The President then introduced Rhys Argeo Adams, Francesca Alice Adams and Gabriel Cellucci Westberg, the grandchildren of former Governor Argeo Paul Cellucci, who led the Convention in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Shortly thereafter, His Excellency the Governor, Charles D. Baker entered the Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms

The President then introduced His Excellency the Governor, Charles D. Baker, who thereupon addressed the Convention relative to the concerns of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2115).

The President in the Chair, he then introduced the UMass Lowell Gospel Choir who performed the gospel song “Freedom”.

Benediction.

The President in the Chair, he then introduced Archbishop A. Livingston Foxworth of the Grace Church for All Nations, who gave the following Benediction:

Well this feels like church! Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we come to thee one more time on this night with grateful hearts for the time that you have graced us with for the purpose of coming together in this historic chamber forming this blended and aghast aggregation to hear our Governor His

Excellency Charles D. Baker, share with us those things which have been done, things which are in progress, as well as his vision for this Commonwealth to prosper now and in the future.

We know God that it is your will that we prosper and be in health even as our souls, our minds continue to prosper. Therefore Father it is my prayer that we leave this place with these words of the wise King Solomon found in the book of Proverbs which admonishes us to trust in the Lord with all our heart, and lean not into our own understanding, but in all our ways acknowledge him and he will direct our path.

Bless our Governor. Bless this legislative body. Bless all our elected officials. Imbue them with an endowment of divine wisdom to lead this great Commonwealth according to thy will. And finally Father, bless the families of our leaders, especially their spouses, and in particular the First Lady of this Commonwealth Lauren Baker, so that they might be renewed in their strength each day as they support our leaders on their way.

And now God, may your grace and mercy rest with us and abide in us now, henceforth and forever more. May your joy which is our strength be rich and full in us and flow from us to touch those with whom we come in contact. And may our tomorrow, our Governor's tomorrow and all our elected officials tomorrow be more blessed than our today, through Christ our Lord we pray, world without end, Amen.

The President in the Chair, His Excellency the Governor, Charles D. Baker, Lieutenant-Governor, Karyn E. Polito, the Constitutional officers, the members of the Executive Council, members of the Supreme Judicial Court and distinguished guests then withdrew from the Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, at twenty-one minutes past eight o'clock P.M, the Convention of the Two Branches was dissolved; and the Senate withdrew from the Joint Session, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.