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LIST OF PERSONS ELECTED ON NOVEMBER 5, 2002. AS MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2003-2004.

D — Democrat. R — Republican. U — Unenrolled.

BARNSTABLE, DUKES AND NANTUCKET COUNTIES.

District 1	{ Brewster Dennis Yarmouth, Precincts 1, 2, 4, 7 }	Thomas N. George (R) of Yarmouth.
District 2	{ Barnstable, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 13 Yarmouth, Precincts 3, 5, 6 }	Demetrius J. Atsalis (D) of Barnstable.
District 3	{ Barnstable, Precincts 5, 7 Bourne, Precincts 5, 6 Falmouth, Precincts 3, 4, 7, 8, 9 Mashpee, Precincts 2, 4, 5 }	Matthew C. Patrick (D) of Falmouth. ¹
District 4	{ Chatham Eastham Harwich Orleans Provincetown Truro Wellfleet }	Shirley Gomes (R) of Harwich.
District 5	{ Barnstable, Precincts 10, 11, 12 Bourne, Precinct 4 Mashpee, Precincts 1, 3 Sandwich }	Jeffrey Davis Perry (R) of Sandwich.

BARNSTABLE, DUKES, NANTUCKET.

	{ Falmouth, Precincts 1, 2, 5, 6 (Barnstable Co.) Chilmark (Dukes Co.) Edgartown (Dukes Co.) Aquinnah (Dukes Co.) Gosnold (Dukes Co.) Oak Bluffs (Dukes Co.) Tisbury (Dukes Co.) West Tisbury (Dukes Co.) Nantucket (Nantucket Co.) }	Eric Turkington (D) of Falmouth.
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BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

District 1	{ Adams Clarksburg Florida North Adams Savoy Williamstown Charlemont (Franklin Co.) Hawley (Franklin Co.) Heath (Franklin Co.) Monroe (Franklin Co.) Rowe (Franklin Co.) }	Daniel E. Bosley (D) of North Adams.
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1. Continued in office from previous session; qualified Aug. 27, 2003.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY — *Concluded.*

BRISTOL COUNTY — *Continued.*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Becket Berkshire Dalton Hancock Hinsdale Jamesborough New Ashford Peterborough Richmond Washington Windsor 	Shaun P. Kelly (R) of Dalton.	
District 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pittsfield: Ward 1, Precinct B Pittsfield (Franklin Co.) Southfield (Franklin Co.) Ware (Franklin Co.) Westfield (Franklin Co.) Whitcomb (Franklin Co.) Worcester (Franklin Co.) Worcester (Hampshire Co.) Worcester (Hampshire Co.) 		
District 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pittsfield: Ward 1, Precinct A Wards 2, 3, 4 Ward 5, Precinct A Wards 6, 7 	Peter J. Larkin (D) of Pittsfield.	
District 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alford Egremont Great Barrington Lee Lenox Monterey Mount Washington New Marlborough Otis Pittsfield, Precinct 5B Sandisfield Sheffield Stockbridge Tyringham West Stockbridge Blandford (Hampden Co.) Chester (Hampden Co.) Holland (Hampden Co.) 	William Smitty Pignatelli (D) of Lenox.	
			BRISTOL COUNTY.
District 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mansfield, Precincts 1, 3, 6 Norton, Precincts 3, 4, 5 Foxborough (Norfolk Co.) 	Michael J. Coppola (R) of Foxborough.	
District 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attleboro: Wards 1, 2 Ward 3, Precinct A Wards 4, 5, 6 	John A. Lepper (R) of Attleboro.	
District 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taunton: Ward 1, Precinct B Wards 2, 3, 5, 7, 8 	James H. Fagan (D) of Taunton.	
District 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Norton, Precinct 1 Rehoboth Seekonk Swansea, Precincts 1, 3, 4, 5 	Philip Travis (D) of Rehoboth.	

District 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dighton Somerset Swansea, Precinct 2 Taunton: Ward 1, Precinct A Ward 4, Precinct B Ward 6 	Patricia A. Haddad (D) of Somerset.
District 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Berkley Fall River: Ward 4, Precinct C Ward 7, Precincts A, C, D Ward 8, Precincts B, C, D Ward 9, Precincts A, B, C Freetown, Precinct 1 	David B. Sullivan (D) of Fall River.
District 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall River: Ward 1, Precincts B, C, D Ward 2, Precincts A, B, C Ward 3, Precincts A, B, C Ward 4, Precincts A, B Ward 5, Precinct A 	Robert Correia (D) of Fall River.
District 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall River: Ward 1, Precinct A Ward 5, Precincts B, C Ward 6, Precincts A, B, C Ward 7, Precinct B Ward 8, Precinct A Westport 	Michael J. Rodrigues (D) of Westport.
District 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dartmouth Freetown, Precinct 2 New Bedford: Ward 3, Precincts F, G Lakeville, Precinct 1 (Plymouth Co.) 	John F. Quinn (D) of Dartmouth.
District 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fairhaven Marion (Plymouth Co.) Mattapoisett (Plymouth Co.) Rochester (Plymouth Co.) Middleborough, Precincts 3, 6 (Plymouth Co.) 	William M. Straus (D) of Mattapoisett.
District 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acushnet New Bedford: Ward 1, Precincts A, B, C, D, E .. Ward 2 	Robert M. Koczera (D) of New Bedford.
District 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freetown, Precinct 3 New Bedford: Ward 1, Precincts F, G Ward 3, Precincts A, B, C, D, E .. Ward 4, Precincts D, E Taunton: Ward 4, Precinct A Lakeville, Precincts 2, 3 (Plymouth Co.) Middleborough, Precincts 2, 4 (Plymouth Co.) 	Mark A. Howland (D) of Freetown.
District 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Bedford: Ward 4, Precincts A, B, C, F, G .. Wards 5, 6 	Antonio F. D. Cabral (D) of New Bedford.

BRISTOL COUNTY — *Concluded.*

District 14	{ Attleboro: Ward 3, Precinct B Mansfield, Precincts 2, 5 North Attleborough Norton, Precinct 2 }	Elizabeth Poirier (R) of North Attleborough.
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ESSEX COUNTY.

District 1	{ Amesbury Salisbury Newburyport }	Michael A. Costello (D) of Newburyport.
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District 2	{ Georgetown, Precinct 1 Groveland Haverhill: Ward 4, Precinct 3 Ward 7, Precincts 1, 3 Merrimac Newbury Rowley West Newbury }	Harriett L. Stanley (D) of West Newbury.
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District 3	{ Haverhill: Ward 1 Ward 2, Precinct 3 Ward 3 Ward 4, Precincts 1, 2 Ward 5, Precincts 1, 3 Ward 6 }	Brian S. Dempsey (D) of Haverhill.
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District 4	{ Boxford, Precincts 1, 3 Hamilton Wenham Ipswich Manchester-by-the-Sea Middleton, Precinct 2 }	Bradford Hill (R) of Ipswich.
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District 5	{ Essex Rockport Gloucester }	Anthony J. Verga (D) of Gloucester.
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District 6	Beverly	Mary E. Grant (D) of Beverly.
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District 7	Salem	J. Michael Ruane (D) of Salem.
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District 8	{ Lynn: Ward 3, Precinct 4 Ward 4, Precinct 4 Marblehead Swampscott }	Douglas W. Petersen (D) of Marblehead.
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District 9	{ Lynn: Ward 1, Precincts 1, 2 Lynnfield, Precinct 2 Saugus, Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 Wakefield, Precincts 1, 2, 7 (Middlesex Co.) }	Mark V. Falzone (D) of Saugus.
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ESSEX COUNTY — *Concluded.*

District 10	{ Lynn: Ward 1, Precincts 3, 4 Ward 2 Ward 3, Precincts 1, 2, 3 Ward 4, Precincts 1, 2, 3 Ward 5, Precinct 3 }	Robert F. Fennell (D) of Lynn.
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District 11	{ Lynn: Ward 5, Precincts 1, 2, 4 Wards 6, 7 Nahant }	Steven Myles Walsh (D) of Lynn.
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District 12	{ Peabody: Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 }	Joyce A. Spiliotis (D) of Peabody.
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District 13	{ Danvers Topsfield Peabody, Ward 6 }	Theodore C. Speliotis (D) of Danvers.
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District 14	{ Lawrence: Ward A, Precincts 1, 3 Ward E, Precincts 2, 3 Ward F, Precincts 1, 2, 4 North Andover, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 }	David M. Torrisi (D) of North Andover.
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District 15	{ Methuen, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 }	Arthur J. Broadhurst (D) of Methuen.
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District 16	{ Lawrence: Ward A, Precincts 2, 4 Ward B, C Ward D, Precincts 3, 4 Ward F, Precinct 3 }	William Lantigua (U) of Lawrence.
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District 17	{ Andover, Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 .. Lawrence: Ward D, Precincts 1, 2 Ward E, Precincts 1, 4 Tewksbury, Precincts 3, 3A (Middlesex Co.) }	Barry R. Finegold (D) of Andover.
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District 18	{ Andover, Precincts 1, 7, 8 Boxford, Precinct 2 Georgetown, Precinct 2 Haverhill: Ward 2, Precincts 1, 2 Ward 5, Precinct 2 Ward 7, Precinct 2 Methuen, Precinct 7 North Andover, Precincts 7, 8 }	Barbara A. L'Italien (D) of Andover.
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FRANKLIN COUNTY.

District 1	{ Conway Deerfield Leverett Montague New Salem Shutesbury Sunderland }	Stephen Kulik (D) of Worthington.
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FRANKLIN COUNTY — *Concluded.*

HAMPDEN COUNTY — *Concluded.*

District 1
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Wendell Whately Belchertown, Precincts A, D (Hampshire Co.) Chesterfield (Hampshire Co.) Goshen (Hampshire Co.) Huntington (Hampshire Co.) Pelham (Hampshire Co.) Williamsburg (Hampshire Co.) Worthington (Hampshire Co.)	}	Stephen Kulik (D) of Worthington.
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District 2

Erving Gill Greenfield Orange Warwick Athol (Worcester Co.)	}	Christopher J. Donelan (D) of Orange.
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HAMPDEN COUNTY.

District 1

Brimfield Holland Palmer Wales Ware, Precincts B, C (Hampshire Co.) Sturbridge (Worcester Co.) Warren (Worcester Co.)	}	Reed V. Hillman (R) of Sturbridge.
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District 2

East Longmeadow, Precincts 3, 4 .. Hampden Longmeadow Monson Springfield: Ward 6, Precincts B, C	}	Mary S. Rogeness (R) of Longmeadow.
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District 3

Agawam Granville Russell Southwick	}	Daniel F. Keenan (D) of Southwick.
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District 4 Westfield Donald F. Humason, Jr. (R) of Westfield.

District 5 Holyoke Michael F. Kane (D) of Holyoke.

District 6

Chicopee: Ward 2, Precinct B Ward 4, Precincts A, B, C Ward 5, Precinct B Springfield: Ward 2, Precinct E West Springfield	}	Stephen J. Buoniconti (D) of West Springfield.
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District 7

Chicopee: Ward 6, Precinct B Ludlow Springfield: Ward 8, Precincts E, F, G Belchertown, Precincts B, C (Hampshire Co.)	}	Thomas M. Petrolati (D) of Ludlow.
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District 8

Chicopee: Ward 1, Precincts A, B Ward 2, Precincts A, C, D Ward 3, Precincts A, B, C Ward 6, Precinct A Ward 7, Precincts A, B Ward 8, Precincts A, B Ward 9, Precincts A, B	}	Joseph F. Wagner (D) of Chicopee.
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District 9

Chicopee: Ward 5, Precinct A Springfield: Ward 2, Precincts A, B, C, D, F, G, H Ward 5, Precincts C, D, G, H Ward 7, Precinct H Ward 8, Precincts A, B, D, H	}	Christopher P. Asselin (D) of Springfield.
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District 10

Springfield: Ward 1 Ward 3, Precincts B, C, F, G, H Ward 6, Precincts A, E, G	}	Cheryl A. Rivera (D) of Springfield.
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District 11

Springfield: Ward 3, Precincts A, D, E Ward 4 Ward 5, Precincts A, B, E, F Ward 7, Precinct A Ward 8, Precinct C	}	Benjamin Swan (D) of Springfield.
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District 12

East Longmeadow, Precincts 1, 2 .. Springfield: Ward 6, Precincts D, F, H Ward 7, Precincts B, C, D, E, F, G Wilbraham	}	Gale D. Candaras (D) of Wilbraham.
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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

District 1

Montgomery (Hampden Co.) Hatfield Northampton Southampton Westhampton	}	Peter V. Kocot (D) of Northampton.
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District 2

Easthampton Hadley South Hadley	}	John W. Scibak (D) of South Hadley.
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District 3

Amherst Granby	}	Ellen Story (D) of Amherst.
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MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

District 1

Ayer Dunstable Groton Pepperell Townsend	}	Robert S. Hargraves (R) of Groton.
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District 2

Chelmsford, Precincts 3, 5, 7 Littleton Westford	}	Geoffrey D. Hall (D) of Westford.
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MIDDLESEX COUNTY — *Continued.*

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District 3	{ Hudson Maynard Stow Bolton (Worcester Co.)	Patricia A. Walrath (D) of Stow.
District 4	{ Marlborough Southborough, Precinct 1 (Worcester Co.) Berlin (Worcester Co.)	Stephen P. LeDuc (D) of Marlborough.
District 5	{ Natick, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 Sherborn Millis, Precincts 2, 3 (Norfolk Co.) ..	David Paul Linsky (D) of Natick.
District 6	{ Framingham, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 17	Deborah D. Blumer (D) of Framingham.
District 7	{ Ashland Framingham, Precincts 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18	Karen Spilka (D) of Ashland.
District 8	{ Holliston Hopkinton Medway, Precinct 1 (Norfolk Co.) .. Southborough, Precincts 2, 3 (Worcester Co.) Westborough, Precinct 2 (Worcester Co.)	Paul J. P. Loscoco (R) of Holliston.
District 9	{ Lexington, Precincts 2, 3, 4 Waltham: Wards 1, 2, 3, 4 Ward 7, Precinct 1	Thomas M. Stanley (D) of Waltham.
District 10	{ Newton: Ward 1, Precincts 1, 4 Ward 3, Precinct 4 Waltham: Wards 5, 6 Ward 7, Precinct 2 Wards 8, 9 Watertown, Precinct 10	Peter J. Koutoujian (D) of Waltham.
District 11	{ Newton: Ward 1, Precincts 2, 3 Ward 2, Precincts 1, 2, 3 Ward 3, Precincts 1, 2, 3 Ward 4 Ward 5, Precinct 4 Ward 7, Precinct 2	Kay Khan (D) of Newton.
District 12	{ Newton: Ward 5, Precincts 1, 2, 3 Ward 6 Ward 7, Precincts 1, 3, 4 Ward 8	Ruth B. Balsler (D) of Newton.
District 13	{ Lincoln Sudbury Wayland	Susan W. Pope (R) of Wayland.

District 14	{ Acton, Precincts 1, 2, 6 Carlisle Concord Chelmsford, Precincts 1, 9	Cory Atkins (D) of Concord.
District 15	{ Arlington, Precincts 14, 17, 20, 21 .. Lexington, Precincts 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 .. Woburn, Wards 1, 7	Jay R. Kaufman (D) of Lexington.
District 16	{ Chelmsford, Precincts 2, 6, 8 Lowell: Ward 5, Precincts 1, 2, 3 Wards 6, 9	Thomas A. Golden, Jr. (D) of Lowell.
District 17	{ Chelmsford, Precinct 4 Lowell: Ward 1 Ward 2, Precinct 3 Ward 4, Precincts 2, 3 Wards 10, 11	David M. Nangle (D) of Lowell.
District 18	{ Lowell: Ward 2, Precincts 1, 2 Ward 3 Ward 4, Precinct 1 Wards 7, 8	Kevin J. Murphy (D) of Lowell.
District 19	{ Tewksbury, Precincts 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 4, 4A Wilmington, Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6	James R. Miceli (D) of Wilmington.
District 20	{ Lynnfield, Precincts 1, 3, 4 (Essex Co.) Middleton, Precinct 1 (Essex Co.) .. North Reading Reading, Precincts 1, 4, 6, 7, 8	Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R) of North Reading.
District 21	{ Bedford Burlington Wilmington, Precinct 3	Charles A. Murphy (D) of Burlington.
District 22	Billerica	William G. Greene, Jr. (D) of Billerica.
District 23	{ Arlington, Precincts 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19 Medford: Ward 3, Precinct 2 Ward 6, Precincts 1, 2	J. James Marzilli, Jr. (D) of Arlington.
District 24	{ Arlington, Precincts 2, 4 Belmont Cambridge: Ward 10, Precinct 3 Ward 11, Precincts 1, 2, 3	Anne M. Paulsen (D) of Belmont.
District 25	{ Cambridge: Ward 4 Ward 6, Precincts 2, 3 Wards 7, 8 Ward 10, Precincts 1, 2	Alice K. Wolf (D) of Cambridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — *Continued.*

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — *Concluded.*

District 26	{ Cambridge: Ward 1 Ward 2, Precinct 1 Ward 3, Precincts 1, 2 Ward 6, Precinct 1 Somerville: Ward 1 Ward 2, Precincts 1, 2 }	Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. (D) of Cambridge.
District 27	{ Somerville: Ward 2, Precinct 3 Ward 3 Ward 4, Precinct 3 Wards 5, 6 }	Patricia D. Jehlen (D) of Somerville.
District 28	{ Everett Malden: Ward 7, Precinct 2 }	Edward G. Connolly (D) of Everett.
District 29	{ Cambridge: Ward 9 Watertown, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 }	Rachel Kaprielian (D) of Watertown.
District 30	{ Reading, Precincts 2, 3, 5 Stoneham, Precinct 3 Woburn, Wards 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 }	Carol A. Donovan (D) of Woburn.
District 31	{ Stoneham, Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 Winchester }	Paul C. Casey (D) of Winchester.
District 32	{ Melrose Wakefield, Precincts 3, 4, 5, 6 }	Michael E. Festa (D) of Melrose.
District 33	{ Malden: Ward 2 Ward 3, Precinct 1 Wards 4, 5, 6, 8 }	Christopher G. Fallon (D) of Malden.
District 34	{ Medford: Wards 4, 5 Ward 7, Precinct 1 Ward 8, Precinct 2 Somerville: Ward 4, Precincts 1, 2 Ward 7 }	Vincent P. Ciampa (D) of Somerville.
District 35	{ Malden: Ward 1 Ward 3, Precinct 2 Ward 7, Precinct 1 Medford: Wards 1, 2 Ward 3, Precinct 1 Ward 7, Precinct 2 Ward 8, Precinct 1 }	Paul J. Donato (D) of Medford.
District 36	{ Dracut Tyngsborough }	Colleen M. Garry (D) of Dracut.

District 37	{ Acton, Precincts 3, 4, 5 Boxborough Shirley Harvard (Worcester Co.) Lancaster, Precinct 1 (Worcester Co.) Lunenburg (Worcester Co.) }	James B. Eldridge (D) of Acton.
NORFOLK COUNTY.		
District 1	{ Quincy: Ward 3, Precincts 3, 4 Ward 4, Precincts 1, 3 Ward 5, Precincts 2, 5 Ward 6 Randolph, Precincts 5, 6 }	Bruce J. Ayers (D) of Quincy.
District 2	{ Quincy: Ward 1 Ward 3, Precincts 1, 2, 5 Ward 4, Precincts 2, 4 Ward 5, Precincts 1, 3, 4 }	A. Stephen Tobin (D) of Quincy.
District 3	{ Holbrook, Precincts 2, 3, 4 Quincy: Ward 2 Ward 4, Precinct 5 Weymouth, Precincts 5, 6, 9, 12, 16 }	Ronald Mariano (D) of Quincy.
District 4	{ Weymouth, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18 }	James M. Murphy (D) of Weymouth.
District 5	{ Braintree Holbrook, Precinct 1 Randolph, Precinct 3 }	Joseph C. Sullivan (D) of Braintree. ¹ Joseph R. Driscoll (D) of Braintree. ²
District 6	{ Avon Canton Stoughton, Precincts 1, 5, 7, 8 }	William C. Galvin (D) of Canton.
District 7	{ Milton, Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11 Randolph, Precincts 1, 2, 4, 7, 8 }	Walter F. Timilty (D) of Milton.
District 8	{ Mansfield, Precinct 4 (Bristol Co.) Sharon Stoughton, Precincts 2, 3, 4, 6 Walpole, Precincts 3, 4 }	Louis L. Kafka (D) of Stoughton.
District 9	{ Medfield, Precincts 3, 4 Millis, Precinct 1 Norfolk Plainville Walpole, Precinct 5 Wrentham }	Scott P. Brown (R) of Wrentham.
District 10	{ Franklin Medway, Precincts 2, 3, 4 }	James E. Vallee (D) of Franklin.

1. Resigned Feb. 3, 2003.
2. Elected May 13, 2003; qualified May 28, 2003.

NORFOLK COUNTY — *Concluded.*

- District 11 {Dedham }
 {Walpole, Precinct 8 }
 {Westwood } Robert K. Coughlin (D) of Dedham.
- District 12 {Norwood }
 {Walpole, Precincts 1, 2, 6, 7 } John H. Rogers (D) of Norwood.
- District 13 {Dover }
 {Medfield, Precincts 1, 2 }
 {Needham } Lida E. Harkins (D) of Needham.
- District 14 {Natick, Precinct 10 (Middlesex Co.) }
 {Weston (Middlesex Co.) }
 {Wellesley } Alice Hanlon Peisch (D) of Wellesley.
- District 15 {Brookline, Precincts 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, }
 {10, 11, 12, 13 } Frank I. Smizik (D) of Brookline.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

- District 1 {Plymouth, Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, }
 {9, 10, 12, 14 } Viriato Manuel deMacedo (R) of Plymouth.
- District 2 {Bourne, Precincts 1, 2 }
 {(Barnstable Co.) }
 {Carver }
 {Wareham } Susan Williams Gifford (R) of Wareham.
- District 3 {Cohasset (Norfolk Co.) }
 {Hingham }
 {Hull }
 {Scituate, Precinct 3 } Garrett J. Bradley (D) of Hingham.
- District 4 {Marshfield }
 {Scituate, Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 } Frank M. Hynes (D) of Marshfield.
- District 5 {Hanover }
 {Norwell }
 {Rockland } Robert J. Nyman (D) of Hanover.
- District 6 {Duxbury, Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5 }
 {Halifax, Precinct 2 }
 {Hanson }
 {Pembroke } Daniel K. Webster (R) of Hanson.
- District 7 {Abington }
 {East Bridgewater }
 {Whitman } Kathleen M. Teahan (D) of Whitman.
- District 8 {Easton, Precinct 6 (Bristol Co.) }
 {Raynham (Bristol Co.) }
 {Bridgewater } David L. Flynn (D) of Bridgewater.
- District 9 {Brockton: }
 {Ward 1, Precincts B, D }
 {Ward 2, Precincts B, C, D }
 {Ward 3 }
 {Ward 4, Precincts A, D }
 {Ward 5, Precinct A } Thomas P. Kennedy (D) of Brockton.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY — *Concluded.*

- District 10 {Easton, Precinct 3 (Bristol Co.) }
 {Brockton: }
 {Ward 4, Precincts B, C }
 {Ward 5, Precincts B, C, D }
 {Ward 6 }
 {West Bridgewater } Christine E. Canavan (D) of Brockton.
- District 11 {Easton, Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5 }
 {(Bristol Co.) }
 {Brockton: }
 {Ward 1, Precincts A, C }
 {Ward 2, Precinct A }
 {Ward 7 } Geraldine Creedon (D) of Brockton.
- District 12 {Duxbury, Precincts 1, 6 }
 {Halifax, Precinct 1 }
 {Kingston }
 {Middleborough, Precincts 1, 5 }
 {Plymouth, Precincts 1, 11, 13 }
 {Plympton } Thomas J. O'Brien (D) of Kingston.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

- District 1 {Boston: }
 {Ward 1, Harbor Islands } Anthony Petrucci (D) of Boston.
- District 2 {Boston: }
 {Ward 2 }
 {Chelsea: }
 {Wards 1, 2 }
 {Ward 3, Precincts 1, 3 }
 {Ward 4, Precincts 1, 4 } Eugene L. O'Flaherty (D) of Chelsea.
- District 3 {Boston: }
 {Ward 3, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 }
 {Ward 4, Precinct 1 }
 {Ward 5, Precinct 1 }
 {Ward 8, Precincts 1, 2, 6 } Salvatore F. DiMasi (D) of Boston.
- District 4 {Boston: }
 {Ward 6 }
 {Ward 7, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, }
 {8, 9 }
 {Ward 13, Precincts 3, 6 } Brian P. Wallace (D) of Boston.
- District 5 {Boston: }
 {Ward 7, Precinct 10 }
 {Ward 8, Precincts 5, 7 }
 {Ward 12, Precinct 6 }
 {Ward 13, Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5 }
 {Ward 14, Precincts 1, 4 }
 {Ward 15, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, }
 {8, 9 } Marie P. St. Fleur (D) of Boston.
- District 6 {Boston: }
 {Ward 14, Precincts 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, }
 {9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 }
 {Ward 17, Precincts 1, 5, 7, 8, 10 }
 {Ward 18, Precinct 3 } Shirley Owens-Hicks (D) of Boston.

SUFFOLK COUNTY — Continued.

SUFFOLK COUNTY — Concluded.

District 7	{ Boston: Ward 4, Precincts 8, 9, 10 Ward 8, Precincts 3, 4 Ward 9, Precincts 4, 5 Ward 11, Precincts 2, 3 Ward 12, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 Ward 21, Precinct 1 }	Gloria L. Fox (D) of Boston.
District 8	{ Cambridge (Middlesex Co.): Ward 2, Precinct 3 Ward 3, Precinct 3 Ward 5 Boston: Ward 3, Precinct 5 Ward 5, Precincts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 }	Paul C. Demakis (D) of Boston.
District 9	{ Cambridge (Middlesex Co.): Ward 2, Precinct 2 Boston: Ward 4, Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 . . . Ward 5, Precincts 2, 10 Ward 9, Precincts 1, 2, 3 }	Byron Rushing (D) of Boston.
District 10	{ Brookline, Precincts 15, 16 (Norfolk Co.) Boston: Ward 20, Precincts 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 }	Michael F. Rush (D) of Boston.
District 11	{ Boston: Ward 11, Precincts 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 Ward 12, Precinct 7 Ward 19, Precincts 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 Ward 20, Precincts 1, 2, 4 }	Elizabeth A. Malia (D) of Boston.
District 12	{ Milton, Precincts 3, 6, 7 (Norfolk Co.) Boston: Ward 16, Precincts 8, 11, 12 Ward 17, Precincts 4, 11, 12, 13, 14 Ward 18, Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 21 }	Thomas M. Finneran (D) of Boston.
District 13	{ Boston: Ward 13, Precincts 7, 8, 9, 10 Ward 15, Precinct 6 Ward 16, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 Ward 17, Precincts 2, 3, 6, 9 }	Martin J. Walsh (D) of Boston.
District 14	{ Boston: Ward 18, Precincts 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23 }	Angelo M. Scaccia (D) of Boston.
District 15	{ Brookline, Precincts 5, 14 (Norfolk Co.) Boston: Ward 10 Ward 11, Precinct 1 Ward 19, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 . . }	Jeffrey Sánchez (D) of Boston.

District 16	{ Saugus, Precincts 3, 10 (Essex Co.) Chelsea: Ward 3, Precincts 2, 4 Ward 4, Precincts 2, 3 Revere: Ward 1, Precinct 3 Ward 3, Precinct 1 Ward 4, Precincts 1, 2, 3 Ward 5, Precincts 1, 2 Ward 6, Precincts 1, 2, 3 }	Kathi-Anne Reinstein (D) of Revere.
District 17	{ Boston: Ward 21, Precincts 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 Ward 22, Precincts 2, 3, 6, 9, 10 . . }	Kevin G. Honan (D) of Boston.
District 18	{ Brookline, Precinct 1 (Norfolk Co.) Boston: Ward 21, Precincts 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 16 Ward 22, Precincts 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13 }	Brian Paul Golden (D) of Boston.
District 19	{ Revere: Ward 1, Precincts 1, 2 Ward 2 Ward 3, Precincts 2, 3 Ward 5, Precinct 3 Winthrop }	Robert A. DeLeo (D) of Winthrop.
WORCESTER COUNTY.		
District 1	{ Holden Hubbardston Oakham Princeton Rutland Sterling, Precinct 1 Westminster }	Lewis G. Evangelidis (R) of Holden.
District 2	{ Ashby (Middlesex Co.) Gardner Ashburnham Royalston Winchendon }	Brian Knuutilla (D) of Gardner.
District 3	Fitchburg	Emile J. Goguen (D) of Fitchburg.
District 4	Leominster	Mary Jane Simmons (D) of Leominster.
District 5	{ Ware, Precinct A (Hampshire Co.) . . . Barre Brookfield Hardwick New Braintree North Brookfield Petersham Phillipston West Brookfield Spencer, Precincts 2, 3 Templeton }	Anne M. Gobi (D) of Spencer.

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WORCESTER COUNTY — *Concluded.*

District 6	{ Charlton East Brookfield Oxford, Precinct 2 Southbridge Spencer, Precincts 1, 4 }	Mark J. Carron (D) of Southbridge.
District 7	{ Auburn Millbury Oxford, Precincts 1, 3 Sutton, Precinct 3 }	Paul K. Frost (R) of Auburn.
District 8	{ Douglas Dudley Oxford, Precinct 4 Uxbridge, Precinct 3 Webster }	Paul Kujawski (D) of Webster.
District 9	{ Grafton Northbridge Upton Westborough, Precincts 3, 5 }	George N. Peterson, Jr. (R) of Grafton.
District 10	{ Hopedale Mendon Milford }	Marie J. Parente (D) of Milford.
District 11	{ Shrewsbury Westborough, Precincts 1, 4 }	Karyn E. Polito (R) of Shrewsbury.
District 12	{ Boylston Clinton Northborough Sterling, Precinct 2 Lancaster, Precinct 2 }	Harold P. Naughton, Jr. (D) of Clinton.
District 13	{ Paxton Worcester: Ward 1, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4 Ward 9 Ward 10, Precinct 3 }	Robert Spellane (D) of Worcester.
District 14	{ West Boylston Worcester: Ward 1, Precinct 5 Ward 2 Ward 3, Precincts 1, 3, 5 }	James B. Leary (D) of Worcester.
District 15	{ Worcester: Ward 3, Precincts 2, 4 Ward 4 Ward 5, Precinct 3 Ward 10, Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5 }	Vincent A. Pedone (D) of Worcester.
District 16	{ Worcester: Ward 5, Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5 Ward 6 Ward 8, Precincts 1, 5 }	John P. Fresolo (D) of Worcester.

District 17	{ Leicester Worcester: Ward 7 Ward 8, Precincts 2, 3, 4 }	John J. Binienda (D) of Worcester.
District 18	{ Bellingham (Norfolk Co.) Blackstone Millville Sutton, Precincts 1, 2 Uxbridge, Precincts 1, 2, 4 }	Jennifer M. Callahan (D) of Sutton.

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Wednesday, January 7, 2004.

General Court convened.

The second annual session of the one hundred and eighty-third General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts convened at the State House in Boston on the first Wednesday of January, being the seventh day thereof, in the year of our Lord two thousand four and of the independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-eighth.

House called to order.

And the members of the House of Representatives, having assembled in the Representatives' Chamber, were called to order at a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M. by Mr. DiMasi of Boston (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 of Representatives during the sessions of 1983 to 2003, inclusive, as follows:

Prayer.

God, Our Creator, as we begin the Second Biennial Session of the one hundred and eighty-third General Court, we proclaim our dependence upon and hope in You and Your guidance. In Your goodness, help us to recognize and address accurately today's often complex challenges and unique opportunities and to cope with high terrorist alerts and a changing world. Inspire us to be informed leaders who resolve issues wisely and plan carefully for the future of our children and this Commonwealth. Teach us to live by traditional human and spiritual values and to implement legislation which is based on time-tested principles. In our diverse society, may we work together in building a civil, stable and caring society in which the dignity and the full rights of all — from the youngest infants to the most senior citizens — are respected and acknowledged.

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

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. DiMasi), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Notices of the Convening of the General Court.

On motion of Mr. Finneran of Boston,—

Senate notified of convening of House.

Ordered, That a special committee be appointed to notify the Senate that the House has been called to order and is ready to proceed to business.

Representatives Petruccelli of Boston, Leary of Worcester, Walrath of Stow, Wolf of Cambridge and O'Brien of Kingston were appointed the committee.

Subsequently Mr. Petruccelli, for the committee, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned to them.

Notice of convening of Senate.

A message was received from the Senate, by a special committee thereof, announcing that that branch had convened and was ready to proceed to business.

Paper from the Senate.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence:

Ordered, That a committee of members of the Senate and the House of Representatives be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council and inform them that the two branches of the General Court are now assembled and ready to proceed to business.

Governor and Council notified of assembling of the two branches.

Senators Chandler, Glodis, McGee, Tucker and Sprague, having been appointed to serve on the part of the Senate, Representatives Peterson of Grafton, Nyman of Hanson, Hill of Ipswich, Kaufman of Lexington, Teahan of Whitman, Correia of Fall River, Rushing of Boston and Blumer of Framingham were joined on the part of the House.

Subsequently Messrs. Correia and Peterson, for the committee, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned to them.

Message from the Governor — Veto.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill relative to fiscal relief funds [see House, No. 4302] (for message, see House, No. 4342) was filed in the Office of the Clerk on Friday, November 21, 2003.

Fiscal relief fund.

The message was read; and, under Rule 30, it was referred, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Finneran of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Clerk begin the daily printing of the Journal, as authorized by Rule 10, and that the daily reading thereof be dispensed with, that, under authority of Section 10 of Chapter 5 of the General Laws, copies of the Journal for the entire session be printed and bound with the customary appendices and an index; and that an attested bound copy be deposited with the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the official Journal of the House.

Journal of the House.

On motion of Mr. Finneran of Boston,—

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of any rule to the contrary, the House membership of all committees of the General Court for the year two thousand two shall be the same as at the time of dissolution of the two thousand one session of the General Court.

Committees of the General Court, House membership.

On motion of Mr. Finneran of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to spread upon the records of the House the daily prayers offered by the duly appointed Chaplain.

Chaplain's prayers, printing.

Petitions.

Mr. Broadhurst of Methuen presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4416) of Arthur J. Broadhurst and Steven A. Bad-dour (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to housing for persons fifty-five years of age or older on the former Ashford School in the city known as the town of Methuen; and the same was referred to the committee on Housing and Urban Development. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Methuen, housing.

Norfolk
County,
fire and
rescue
dispatch.

Mr. Galvin of Canton presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William C. Galvin and other members of the General Court relative to establishing a special account for the Norfolk County Regional Fire and Rescue Dispatch Center; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports

Of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspections of certain correctional facilities in the Commonwealth, severally were spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Correctional
facilities,
inspection
reports.

- Of the Bay State Correctional Center, in the town of Norfolk;
 - Of the Berkshire County House of Correction and Jail, in the city of Pittsfield;
 - Of the Boston Pre-Release Center, in the city of Boston;
 - Of the Bridgewater Correctional Complex Kitchen, in the town of Bridgewater;
 - Of the Dedham Alternative Center (formerly the Norfolk County Pre-Release Facility), in the town of Dedham;
 - Of the Franklin County Jail and House of Correction, in the town of Greenfield;
 - Of the Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center, in the town of Bridgewater;
 - Of the Massachusetts Treatment Center, in the town of Bridgewater;
 - Of MCI Framingham, in the city of Framingham;
 - Of the Middlesex County Jail, in the city of Cambridge;
 - Of the Norfolk County Correctional Center, in the town of Dedham; and
 - Of the Pondville Correctional Center, in the town of Norfolk;
- Severally returned to the Senate to be placed on file.

Viatical
and life
settlements.

A petition of Guy W. Glodis for legislation relative to the viatical and life settlements act, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Insurance.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2186) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Insurance.

Reports of Committees.

Blind,
retirement.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2137) of Robert A. Havern and Jay R. Kaufman for legislation to provide for retirement benefits earned by individuals employed for five years or longer in work shops for the training and employment of blind persons,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Service. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to prisoner re-integration (House, No. 4180); and

Prisoner
re-integration,
study.

Of the Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to creating jobs in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4395);

Jobs,
special
commission.

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.

By Mr. Quinn of Dartmouth, for the committee on Banks and Banking, that the Bill relative to mortgages (House, No. 2731) ought to pass with an amendment in line 7 by inserting after the word "five" the word "business". Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling with the amendment pending.

Mortgages.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill relative to credit union boards of directors (Senate, No. 13) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Credit union
boards of
directors.

By Mr. Quinn of Dartmouth, for the committee on Banks and Banking, on a petition, a Bill relative to the operations and governance of credit unions (House, No. 484).

Credit union
operations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to notification requirements in foreclosures (House, No. 2733).

Foreclosures,
notification.

By Mr. Vallee of Franklin, for the committee on Criminal Justice, on a petition, a Bill to eliminate the statute of limitations for certain sexual crimes against children (House, No. 1247).

Sexual crimes
against
children.

By Ms. St. Fleur of Boston, for the committee on Education, Arts and Humanities, on House, Nos. 874 and 2754, a Bill relative to the availability of MCAS results (House, No. 874).

MCAS
results,
availability.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3489, a Bill to allow students with cystic fibrosis to self administer enzyme supplements (House, No. 4409).

Students,
enzyme
supplements.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Groveland (House, No. 4171) [Local Approval Received].

Groveland,
recall
elections.

By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, for the committee on Health Care, on House, Nos. 72 and 74, a Bill requiring immunization of certain students (House, No. 74).

Students,
immunization.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill mandating the reporting of benign brain-related tumors (printed in House, No. 4286).

Benign
brain
tumors.

By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, for the committee on Insurance, on a petition, a Bill clarifying certain separate accounts (printed as Senate, No. 850).

Life insurance
contracts.

Life insurance companies, investment laws.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2256, a Bill relative to the investment laws of life insurance companies (House, No. 4413).

Fire fighter injuries.

By Mrs. Owens-Hicks of Boston, for the committee on Local Affairs and Regional Government, on House, Nos. 1903 and 4037, a Bill pertaining to firefighter injuries (House, No. 1903).

Lawrence Sanitary District.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District (House, No. 2108).

Lowell, Sprague Energy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Lowell to pay a certain unpaid bill (House, No. 4216) [Local Approval Received].

Marblehead, parking violations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to parking violations in the town of Marblehead (House, No. 4235) [Local Approval Received].

Fitchburg, land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Fitchburg Housing Authority to convey certain land (House, No. 4242) [Local Approval Received].

Rockport, environmental clean-up.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Rockport to borrow a certain amount of money (House, No. 4281) [Local Approval Received].

Groton and Pepperell, boundary.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the boundary line between the towns of Groton and Pepperell (House, No. 4334).

Acushnet, fire department.

By Mr. Koczera of New Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill placing the members of the fire department of the town of Acushnet under the civil service law (House, No. 4282) [Local Approval Received].

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

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill providing for the annual observance of myositis awareness day (see House, No. 3970) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bills.

House bills
Relative to the Geriatric Authority of the town of Milford (House, No. 193);

Exempting the position of deputy police chief of the town of Chelmsford from the provisions of the civil service law (House, No. 3836) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Methuen as the Joseph S. Franciosa Bridge (House, No. 3898);

Relative to the off-street parking board in the city of Worcester (House, No. 4082);

Validating the proceedings of the annual town meeting in the town of Palmer (printed in House, No. 4141); and

Relative to the issuing of licenses in the town of Lexington for the sale of alcoholic beverages by restaurants with a seating capacity of less than ninety-nine persons (House, No. 4172) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The Senate Bill relative to the reporting of fires in schools (Senate, No. 1372); and

Second reading bills

The House Bill further regulating the use of plowing equipment on motor vehicles (House, No. 1338);

Severally were read a second time; and they were ordered to a third reading.

The House Bill protecting the public health and enhancing cigarette escrow compliance (House, No. 4305) was read a second time.

Second reading bill amended.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means,— that the bill be amended by substitution of a Bill protecting the public health and enhancing the cigarette escrow compliance (House, No. 4327),— was adopted.

The substituted bill then was ordered to a third reading.

Recess.

At eight minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Correia of Fall River (Mr. DiMasi of Boston being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at twenty-one minutes after one o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. DiMasi in the Chair.

Recess.

Distinguished Guests.

The Chair (Mr. DiMasi of Boston) thereupon introduced former Speakers Charles F. Flaherty and Robert H. Quinn; Treasurer and Receiver-General Timothy Cahill; Auditor of the Commonwealth A. Joseph DeNucci; Attorney General Thomas F. Reilly; Mayor Menino of Boston; and several other distinguished guests and citizens of the Commonwealth.

Distinguished Guests of the House.

Address of Speaker Thomas M. Finneran of Boston to the Citizens of the Commonwealth.

The Speaker then presented his annual address to the citizens of the Commonwealth as follows:

Before I begin my remarks, I would ask you to imagine with me the very real possibility that a baby girl will be born in some hospital in Massachusetts during the course of my comments here today. Perhaps her parents are experiencing the joys and hopes, the dreams and fears of first time parents. Many of you have experienced those same joys and hopes, those dreams and fears, that unconditional love and the awe that accompanies the gift and the miracle of life.

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We do not know this little girl's name. Yet her presence in our minds is every bit as real as our presence in this chamber. For the next few minutes, I would ask you to keep her there in your mind.

In organizing my thoughts regarding the new year, I have been particularly struck by three things:

First, that the frequency and severity of world events has for many months completely derailed the global and national economies; second, that the economic stress created in thousands of households across Massachusetts is palpable; third, that the state of California's perhaps unwitting and decidedly negative example presents itself as both instruction and opportunity.

These three circumstances remind us that the world can change very quickly and thereby disrupt the best laid plans of families, companies, and governments.

Notwithstanding the rapidity and rigor of these negative events, we should not be discouraged, for a fourth circumstance is also true:

We have been here before.

A quick rewind of the tape would show that the economic and fiscal circumstances of our state were incredibly difficult during the period from 1988 to 1992 and that our response to those difficult circumstances was neither as satisfactory nor as skillful as has been our response to this recession. In addition, a dearth of preparation and an excess of political posturing had put Massachusetts in perilous condition.

In short, the Massachusetts of then was the California of today.

Having lived through that multi-year crack up of the commonwealth, many of us were determined to move Massachusetts in a different direction and to draw clear lessons from those dark and dreary days.

I will not strain your patience with a recitation of the many reforms and initiatives of the 1990's. It should suffice to remind people that at the beginning of the '90s Massachusetts was widely seen as an economic, fiscal, and political disaster area, suffering from self-inflicted wounds as well as from policies which discouraged — even punished — responsible behaviors and productive activities. Back then, no one would have predicted that Massachusetts would, on its own initiative, move forward from the depths of its troubles to the very vanguard of the 50 states.

We in the Legislature focused ourselves on five things: changing our attitudes and policies on business investment and job creation; responsibly cutting tax burdens and tax rates more than 40 times; demonstrating remarkable spending discipline, even as health care costs exploded all across the developed world; painstakingly building up a remarkable rainy day reserve account; and lastly, initiating multi-billion dollar state investments in k-12 education, which has put Massachusetts students at the head of the nation's classrooms, and in health insurance coverage for our children, which has made Massachusetts a role model for the country.

Those achievements were the real deal and those achievements are yours.

They are testaments to the possibilities which attach to strong political leadership and an undistracted focus on a few important objectives.

Today we are in a similar though better informed position than was our situation in the midst of the last recession. Similar possibilities and achievements lie ahead for Massachusetts, if the leadership of our state, executive as well as legislative, draws upon the lessons of the 1990s and brings those lessons to bear upon the following five goals:

Our foremost priority during the past year and in the years ahead must be the cultivation of ever greater economic development. In a word, it's all about jobs. Jobs, jobs, and more jobs . . . of every conceivable stripe and skill. Jobs and economic growth are the oxygen for everything else that we may hope to achieve. Even more important than that hoped for social progress however, is the dignity of thousands of individuals and families who have been staggered by the prolonged recession and whose worries are quite high. More than 170,000 people have lost their jobs since early 2001. Their mortgages are at risk, their college tuition plans are up in smoke, their car payments are one step ahead of the repo man, their credit cards are maxed out, and their investments, if any, have been depleted during the long course of this recession.

There is no question about their skills, their work ethic, or their proven abilities. Indeed, these individuals and their families were an important part of our workforce during those heady days of the mid and late 1990s. We should therefore, do everything in our power to stimulate the creation of jobs so that they might once again return to productive pursuits and an improved quality of life.

As part of our effort to stimulate job growth we listened closely to the hopes and fears of many of these talented but jobless citizens. We listened to business leaders and to their associations and chambers of commerce regarding their challenges and opportunities. We consulted with academic leaders and economists as to courses of action which we might pursue in order to position Massachusetts for an ever increasing share of any economic recovery.

After all that preparatory effort the Legislature passed an unprecedented job creation bill. The bill recapitalizes some of our most successful economic development entities and provides a job creation framework and focus for every single region of the state. We can no longer be content with the bulk of economic activity and opportunity occurring in and around greater Boston. Certainly the capital city is enormously important to both the state and to New England. Yet it is also true that other regions of our state must share in the bounty of a growing economic pie.

After such a concentration of effort, it was with considerable dismay that we watched the Governor veto sizeable chunks of this jobs creation program. If we are to be serious about our economic circumstances and if we are determined to cultivate and create as many jobs as possible for the people of Massachusetts, then it will be with respectful disagreement that we override some of the Governor's vetoes next week. People's lives and their livelihoods are too important to let the Governor's vetoes stand.

The planned overrides of the Governor's vetoes are quite consistent with our actions of 2003. Many of you will recall the dismay we felt when the Governor vetoed funds for the advanced manufac-

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turing technology center in Fall River. Our dismay was driven by the thoughtful history behind this job creation project. Our dismay was further heightened by our specific knowledge that a Massachusetts based research company, Avant Immunotherapeutics of Needham, lead by Dr. Una Ryan, had made a breakthrough discovery for protecting people against the terrorist threat of anthrax.

Our pride in the research and development skills of our gifted citizens, and our hope that the quest for life sciences, health care breakthroughs and other emerging technologies would help move Massachusetts forward were dashed by Governor Romney's veto and his message.

The potential jobs associated with this enterprise were too important to lose to another state without a serious effort. We therefore took up the Governor's veto and overrode it. I am happy to report to you today that the company will soon be operating out of the manufacturing center in Fall River, that there will be from 15 to as many as 200 people gainfully employed, and that we have conveyed a strong sense of purpose and urgency to all entrepreneurs regarding economic opportunity and jobs.

Our work in this task of job creation will not end with next week's overrides of the Governor's vetoes. Indeed, our concentration and effort on this all-important task cannot be allowed to backslide or to rest in any way. Therefore, we will continue to defend successful economic development policies from attack as well as to search out every significant opportunity for job creation and economic security.

Closely associated with a paramount policy of jobs, jobs, jobs must be continued emphasis on education.

If an abundance of jobs is seen as a crucial ingredient to our quality of life, then a similar abundance of education must be seen as crucial to attracting and keeping those jobs.

One specific facet of education beckons our interest and complements the substantial educational gains we have made since 1993.

I believe that this year we should build upon our recent efforts to expand early childhood education.

The Legislature has initiated full day kindergarten offerings as well as early literacy, reach out and read, and parent/child home reading programs.

Compelling research supports these initiatives of ours. We should therefore, systematically and comprehensively build upon those initiatives.

By the year 2010, we can be well advanced in an early childhood education policy that matches in scope and ambition the effort which we made in 1993 on education reform.

The dividends we will secure for our children and for our future are enormous.

Early literacy and numeracy will quickly become cornerstones for serious academic advances. Our students can gain fluency in the crucial disciplines of math and science. Substantial declines in special education referrals should also be achieved. The children of Massachusetts will more frequently pursue advanced placement courses and will more frequently gain admission and success at the finest colleges and universities across the land.

Such beneficial opportunities cannot be secured overnight, particularly in light of our present economic and fiscal realities.

Yet the preparation should move forward. The commitment should be made.

The stakes are very high. Your embrace of this proposal will inevitably mean that other areas of our budget will receive somewhat lesser shrift. On behalf of the taxpayers of Massachusetts we should not shy away from that reality. On behalf of the taxpayers of Massachusetts our choices must always acknowledge inadequate resources for every claim which is pressed upon us. I believe that this choice is the right choice for our future and I ask you to join me in the effort to advance it.

A third issue cries out for thoughtful action as soon as possible. The issue of housing, specifically the production of several thousand apartments and homes, has become an economic imperative for Massachusetts.

The costs associated with housing in our state are an impossible burden for every segment of our society. An impressive number of business leaders now identify the need for greater production of housing as their number one priority for future economic growth.

In this area, I commend the senate president and the governor for their diligence and their determination. There appears to be universal recognition of the mismatch between the supply and the demand for housing.

Policies which stimulate the production of housing must be developed as quickly as possible and those policies must be sustained for the foreseeable future. Success in this area of public policy will be immensely helpful to our economic and social future. Failure would be such a setback to our efforts in the educational and economic areas that it should not be contemplated.

The spectacle of our own children being priced out of their own neighborhoods and the prospect of a long continuation of that trend is neither healthy nor wise for Massachusetts.

The Governor as well as our Housing committee chairs and members have some worthwhile ideas for addressing the housing shortage of Massachusetts.

This should be an area where bi-partisan effort brings out good policy and good results for our people.

Therefore, I publicly and enthusiastically pledge to work with the Governor and the Senate President on this issue in the months ahead. A cooperative and energetic partnership can pay great dividends for our state.

A fourth goal will be the production and passage of a transparent, balanced, and timely budget. There will be no excuses and no delays, no games, no gimmicks, no smoke and no mirrors. You did it last year and we will do it again and again.

Finally, a word about the surface artery parcels associated with the looming completion of the Big Dig.

As sections of the old elevated highway are being taken down, the wonderful possibilities for future generations are being put at risk by turf battles for jurisdiction and control of those parcels. The states interest in these parcels is crystal clear: the state paid substan-

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tial sums for the land in question; the state has paid for and will pay for a significant share of the costs of clearance and construction; the state has entered environmental mitigation agreements regarding the protection of open space; and there is strong citizen interest to have these parcels speak to the world in striking and fashion about this fair city and state, in the same way that the Zakim Bunker Hill Bridge now speaks in striking and memorable fashion.

As strong as those state interests may be however, they cannot be allowed to trample upon the concerns of the city or upon the neighborhoods which have borne the brunt of the burdens of this project.

I therefore propose for your consideration the creation of a public trust for the permanent protection and improvement of these special public places. While the details of this proposal can be decided over several weeks, we should not lose this opportunity to secure the jewels of our future.

I now share with you a closing thought about that baby girl who has been born during these remarks, the baby's parents, and about us. It is a sobering thought and it is this:

Our decisions will, for better or worse, affect that baby, her parents, and her peers. It is for them that we must continue to get these big decisions right.

For years now I have been drawn to the poem *Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard* and to those poignant lines:

“Perhaps in this neglected spot is laid
Some heart once pregnant with celestial fire;
Hands, that the rod of empire might have sway'd,
Or wak'd to ecstasy the living lyre.
But knowledge to their eyes her ample page
Rich with the spoils of time did ne'er unroll;
Chill penury repress'd their noble rage,
And froze the genial current of the soul.
Full many a gem of purest ray serene,
The dark unfathom'd caves of ocean bear:
Full many a flow'r is born to blush unseen
And waste its sweetness on the desert air.”

Those lines evoke the tragedy of lives, rich with potential, but stricken by a drought of education and of opportunity. Let that not be the epitaph of that little girl born today. Instead, let us take those steps which will write epitaphs of lives well and fully lived.

Early last summer I sat with the Governor in his office and reviewed with him the most recent MCAS results and the first in the nation standing of our students. The Governor was pleased and proud of their continued progress and he indicated to me that he was calling a press conference to share the good news. I understood the Governor's pride and his desire to boast a little bit about this state of ours. I share the same pleasure in the results, the same pride in the progress, and a desire to brag a little bit on your behalf.

As I walked back to my office, I thought about those lives which we are improving and I murmured a quiet thank you to the individuals who had brought us to this point of achievement:

Tom Birmingham, William Bulger, Paul Cellucci, Charles Flaherty, Fran Marini, Mark Roosevelt, Jane Swift, Bill Weld and many others, including all of you.

They were men and women of Beacon Hill, of the State House, and yes, of politics. They were also leaders with vision, with strength, and with character. They brought forth reforms and they brought forth results. They were not going to be content with mournful epitaphs for the children and people of Massachusetts. Let us then continue their work and carry their dream forward. Let us do it cheerfully and cooperatively, knowing that an innocent little girl and her frightened but hopeful parents await our judgments.

Thank you.

Order.

Mr. DiMasi of Boston having returned to the Chair, on motion of Mr. Finneran of Boston,—

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

Next sitting.

Accordingly, without further consideration of the remaining matters in the Orders of the Day, at seven minutes after two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mrs. Harkins of Needham (Mr. DiMasi of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.