

**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**  
**Thursday, January 16, 2003.**

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, Our Creator, our hearts and minds are filled with praise of and gratitude to You for Your personal interest in and personal concern for all people. We have been created by You and we are all members of the one human family, Your family. This weekend we both remember and celebrate the birthday of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. We are grateful to him for his dedication and commitment to civil human and religious rights which he proclaimed in churches, in his sermons, by his marches and by his courageous example. In our diverse communities and during these uneasy times may we continue by our actions and by following sound principles, to recognize the essential dignity and the human and spiritual rights of all people. Inspire us to work together as a family in building a peaceful, orderly and just society in the tradition of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

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.

*Statement of Representative Murphy of Burlington.*

A statement of Mr. Murphy of Burlington was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Tuesday last due to a family commitment. Any roll calls that I may have missed that day was due entirely to the reason stated. If I had been present for the taking of roll call 26, I would have voted in the negative.

*Communications.*

The following communications were read for the information of the House:

From the Public Employees Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC) submitting a copy of the Actuarial Valuation Report of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System for the period ending December 31, 2002; and

From Plainridge Racecourse (under Section 2 of Chapter 128C of the General Laws) submitting copies of contracts for the simulcasting of dog races;

Severally placed on file.

*Annual and Special Reports.*

Report of the Special Commission on Uncompensated Care (under the provisions of Section 26 of Chapter 200 of the Acts of 2002) sub-mitting its final report;

Quarterly report of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (under the provisions of Section 5L of Chapter 152 of the Acts of 1997) relative to all contracts regarding the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center Project entered into by said authority;

Annual reports

Of the Massachusetts Technology Development Corporation (under the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 40G of the General Laws) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002; and

Of the Joint Labor-Management Committee for Municipal Police and Fire (under the provisions of Clause (a) of Subsection 3 of Section 1 of Chapter 589 of the Acts of 1987) relative to the results of involving the special provisions for the resolution of a dispute over the provisions of collective bargaining agreements.

Severally were placed on file.

*Order.*

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.

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At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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