

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.
Thursday, November 20, 2003.

Met according to adjournment, at one o'clock P.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Bosley of North Adams 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: Gracious God, in pausing for a brief moment of prayer and reflection, we open our hearts to You and clear, for a second, our minds of today's many pressing concerns. You help us by Your assistance to keep our personal goals and purpose for living in clear focus. Your direction enables us to serve You and constituents who look to us for mature judgments and good sense. In this rapidly changing world of culture and values, inspire us to be thoughtful, reasoned and knowledgeable leaders. May we be concerned with both current legislative and public policy as well as the impact upon future generations of our decisions today. Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

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

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Stanley of West Newbury, Dempsey of Haverhill and L'Italien of Andover) honoring the memory of Private First Class Evan O'Neill, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Rushing of Boston, 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.

By Mr. Rogers of Norwood, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the city known as the town of Weymouth to grant access to its sewer system and to assess charges therefor (Senate, No. 2148) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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

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

By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, for the committee on Health Care, on House, Nos. 901, 2054, 2239, 2799 and 2960, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Health Care to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning health care issues (House, No.

4331). 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 asking to be discharged from further consideration of said order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill relative to the tax laws of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2149, amended) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Adams to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (printed as Senate, No. 2034);

Relative to interstate criminal information systems (House, No. 1489); and

Relative to the protection of disabled persons (House, No. 3241) (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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

At twenty-three minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Bosley of North Adams being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.