

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, January 18, 2005.

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, each day we try to focus our attention on You and on the human spiritual values and qualities which You have made known to us as guidelines for achieving personal success, happiness and purpose. Help us to use wisely the unique talents and gifts which You have given us. In dealing with current political social and cultural issues and new public policies, teach us to be familiar with and to respect the achievements and goals of our predecessors. Inspire us to deepen our trust in You and in each other as we struggle to build stable, safe and prosperous communities in these changing times. Prayer.

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. Pledge of allegiance.

Appointments to a Temporary Committee.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Spellane of Worcester, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) announced that the Speaker had appointed Representatives Rogers of Norwood, Petrolati of Ludlow, Harkins of Needham, Scaccia of Boston, Tobin of Quincy, Smizik of Brookline and O'Flaherty of Chelsea to the temporary committees on Rules of the two branches, on the part of the House. Joint Rules committees.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were considered forthwith, under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Rush of Boston; and they were adopted, as follows:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham) congratulating Brigham and Women's Hospital on the fiftieth anniversary of transplantation; and Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Torrisi of North Andover, Finegold of Andover, Lantigua of Lawrence, Broadhurst of Methuen and L'Italien of Andover) on the occasion of the retirement of Michael T. Stella, Jr. Michael T. Stella, Jr.

Paper from the Senate.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:

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Honorable Salvatore F. DiMasi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Room 356
State House Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Senate
appointments.

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Brian P. Lees, Senate Minority Leader has made the following appointments:

Senator Bruce E. Tarr to the special commission established (pursuant to Section 329 of Chapter 149 of the Acts of 2004) relative to a specialized court administering medical malpractice claims; and

Senator Scott P. Brown to the special task force established (pursuant to Section 330 of Chapter 149 of the Acts of 2004) relative to medical malpractice reform.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. WELCH,
Clerk of the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

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sitting.

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

At five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Casey of Winchester (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.