

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

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Thursday, January 20, 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:

Eternal God, the Ultimate Source of Forgiveness and Truth, we look to You for guidance and direction as we face up to our daily tasks and responsibilities. Your help enables us to cope with the demands of our daily routine. Today, Inauguration Day of the President of the United States, we join together in remembering him in our prayers for a successful term and for achieving peace at home and around the world. We, as a people, hold a variety of political and philosophical views and a variety of religious beliefs and practices. But we work together for the common good, for a respect for our constitution and our laws and for a recognition of the importance of spiritual views in building a civil, orderly and compassionate society.

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.

### *Appointments to a Temporary Committee.*

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) announced that the Minority Leader had appointed Representatives Jones of North Reading, and Rogeness of Longmeadow, to the temporary committees on Rules of the two branches, on the part of the House.

### *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham and other members of the House) recognizing January as Stalking Awareness Month.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Vanessa Scott-Brown, an employee of the Supreme Judicial Court (Senate, No. 18) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read;

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

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the bill was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

*Emergency Measure.*

Vanessa  
Scott-Brown,  
sick leave  
bank.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Vanessa Scott-Brown, an employee of the Supreme Judicial Court (see Senate, No. 18), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill  
enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to 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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

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At twelve minutes before twelve o'clock noon (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), on motion of Mr. Petruccelli of Boston, the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.