

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 3, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow 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:

Prayer.

God, Our Creator, we place out hope and trust in You and in Your sometimes mysterious ways. Your gift of wisdom enables us to recognize clearly and to address thoughtfully our daily options and challenges in our effort to serve You and the people faithfully and honorably. This gift also helps us to understand the goals, the rationale and the values of our legislative predecessors and the spirit of these times. In these exciting times of technological break-throughs, and billions of bits of information, teach us to select our options and to make our decisions carefully. Inspire us to do our best in meeting the needs and concerns of the people who put their trust in us.

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. Petrolati), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor.

Hanscom Air Force Base.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to expanding the military mission at Hanscom Air Force Base and Soldier Systems Center — Natick (House, No. 2008) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, February 1.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred, Mr. Rogers of Norwood, for said committees, reported on the foregoing message, a Bill relative to expanding the military mission at Hanscom Air Force Base and Soldier Systems Center – Natick (printed in House, No. 2008), which was read; and, there being no objection, it was placed in the Orders of the Day.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were considered under suspension of the Rules, on motion of Mr. Ross of Wrentham; and they were adopted as follows:

Thomas J. Furey IV.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable) congratulating Thomas J. Furey IV on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough and Lepper of Attleboro) on the occasion of the observance of National Catholic Schools Week by Bishop Feehan High School in Attleboro;

Bishop Feehan High School.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough and Lepper of Attleboro) on the occasion of the observance of National Catholic Schools Week by Saint John's Elementary School in Attleboro;

Attleboro, St. John's Elementary School.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough, Kafka of Sharon and Coppola of Foxborough) on the occasion of the observance of National Catholic Schools Week by Saint Mary's School in Mansfield;

Mansfield, Saint Mary's School.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) on the occasion of the observance of National Catholic Schools Week by Saint Mary's/Sacred Heart School in North Attleborough; and

North Attleborough, Saint Mary's/Sacred Heart School.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Wolf of Cambridge) congratulating Elizabeth (Minnie) Kirsten on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday.

Elizabeth Kirsten.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Creedon of Brockton) congratulating Haikal Haikal on the occasion of his seventy-fifth birthday.

Haikal Haikal.

Petition.

Mr. Rogers of Norwood presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John H. Rogers relative to the special commission on the provision of counsel services to indigent persons; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Indigent persons, counsel.

The same member, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion Mr. Pedone of Worcester, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Report of Committees.

By Mr. Rogers of Norwood, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Brockton to install, finance and operate solar energy facilities (House, No. 2007) [Local Approval Received], which was read.

Brockton, solar energy facilities.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, the bill was read a second and third time forthwith; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns this morning, it adjourn to meet again today at the hour of one o'clock P.M.

Next sitting.

At seventeen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet again today at one o'clock P.M.