

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, April 11, 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 pray for Your assistance which enables us to organize, in a thoughtful manner, our daily personal and legislative agenda and priorities. In implementing our daily schedules and commitments, Your guidance and guidelines for successful living help us to make responsible legislative and moral choices. In this new age of technological and scientific advancement, teach us to use this new knowledge in a rational, principled and ethical manner. May our concern for the present and the future common good of our families and of society influence our decision-making process. In our diverse communities, inspire us to promote a public policy and culture which enhances civil and human rights and the dignity of each person.

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.

Messages from the Governor.

Health insurance.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to expanding the availability of health insurance (House, No. 2923) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, April 6.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Financial Services. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Health insurance exchange.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to establishing the commonwealth care health insurance exchange corporation (House, No. 2924) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, April 6.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Financial Services. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Keenan of Southwick and Torrissi of North Andover) congratulating Kathleen Nelligan on the occasion of her retirement;

Kathleen Nelligan.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Murphy of Burlington and other members of the House) honoring Carol A. Donovan;

Carol A. Donovan.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Parente of Milford and other members of the House) commending the Republic of China, Taiwan, on its contributions to promote world health; and

Taiwan, world health.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Parente of Milford and other members of the House) supporting a Taiwan-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (TUFTA);

Taiwan-U.S. Free Trade Agreement.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 959) of Susan C. Fargo, John A. Lepper, Kathleen M. Teahan, William M. Greene, Jr. and other members of the General Court for legislation to further regulate access to birth certificates, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Children and Families,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Birth certificates, access.

A report of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to an inspection of the Bristol County Jail, Ash Street Facility, in the city of New Bedford, was spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

Bristol County Jail, inspection.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at twelve o'clock noon.

Next sitting.

At twenty-five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at twelve o'clock noon.