

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, November 13, 2006.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mrs. Haddad of Somerset 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, we begin the day with the intention and desire to serve You, the people who depend upon our reasoned decisions and the many needs of our varied communities. Help us to use wisely our personal talents, blessings and gifts, human and spiritual, as we carry out our personal and legislative responsibilities. In these troublesome times, here and abroad, inspire us to select our best reasonable and ethical options in resolving issues. Teach us to reason together in our desire to make objective and critical, not merely emotional, choices. In Your goodness, open our hearts and minds to the current needs of society and people in our districts.

Prayer.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mrs. Haddad), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Candaras of Wilbraham) congratulating the communities of Ludlow and Wilbraham on the re-dedication of the Green-Towne Bridge;

Green-
Towne
Bridge.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Pedone of Worcester, Leary of Worcester, Spellane of Worcester, Fresolo of Worcester and Binienda of Worcester) congratulating Worcester Community Cable Access Television on the occasion of its twentieth anniversary;

Worcester
Cable
Television.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Stanley of Waltham and Koutoujian of Waltham) congratulating the Waltham Garden Club on the occasion of its sixty-fifth anniversary; and

Waltham
Garden
Club.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Walsh of Boston) congratulating Tommy Beatty on the occasion of his retirement;

Tommy
Beatty.

Mrs. Parente of Milford, 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 Verga of Gloucester, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Lori
Mazanec,
sick leave
bank.

By Mr. Donelan of Orange, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christopher J. Donelan and Stanley C. Rosenberg for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Lori Mazanec, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth.

Regional
school
budgets.

By Mr. Turner of Dennis, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cleon H. Turner and others for legislation to authorize cities and towns to exceed tax levy limitations for certain capital outlay expenditures by regional governmental units.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Charitable
events.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning consumer protection issues in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4664) reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3340) of Matthew C. Patrick and others for legislation to authorize seasonal alcoholic beverage license holders to conduct certain charitable events,— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Quorum.

Mrs. Paulsen of Belmont asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was present, the Chair (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset), determined that a quorum was not in attendance.

Adjournment.

Under the provisions of Rule 82, the Chair (Mrs. Haddad), at four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., declared an adjournment of the House until Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.