

Thursday, January 18, 2007.

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 of Goodness and Truth, we believe that You have a constant personal concern with and interest in our material and spiritual well-being. Your gift of wisdom to us enables us to give a positive and meaningful direction to our daily activities. In addressing our daily responsibilities, we pray for the courage and the knowledge to remain faithful to our high ideals and traditional principles. In these changing times, inspire us to help all, especially our young, people to recognize and utilize their talents for self-improvement and the common good. Teach us to learn from past legislative successes and failures as we plan for the future of the people in the Commonwealth.

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.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Jones of North Reading and Hill of Ipswich) commending Paul F. Armitage on the occasion of his retirement;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Barrows of Mansfield) congratulating Robert S. Randall on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Barrows of Mansfield) congratulating Todd Robbins on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Barrows of Mansfield) congratulating Andrew D. Walker on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford) congratulating Michael S. Fernandes Boy Scout Troop 4 on earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McCarthy of East Bridgewater and other members of the House) congratulating State Representative Kathleen M. Teahan;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating David and Andrea Rickard on their fiftieth wedding anniversary;

Habitat for  
Humanity.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Turkington of Falmouth, Peake of Provincetown, Perry of Sandwich and Turner of Dennis) congratulating Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod; and

Hiram  
Collado.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Turner of Dennis) congratulating officer Hiram Collado on the occasion of his retirement;

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, 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 Ms. Wolf of Cambridge, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Annual Report.*

Retirees, —  
cost-of-living  
adjustment

The annual report of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (under Sections 21, 102 and 103 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) relative to the percentum change in the average cost-of-living as shown by the United States consumer price index for the year 2006 compared with such index for the year 2005 (House, No. 2010), was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Next  
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 five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Walrath of Stow (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.