

Thursday, January 25, 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:

Eternal God, we pause for a moment of reflection and prayer to think about You, human, material and spiritual values and our personal priorities and obligations. Your assistance helps us to clarify and to cope with each day's legislative, personal and family responsibilities. As elected officials, open to the concerns of constituents, inspire us to keep our minds focused on the major issues of the day while evaluating the many suggestions of the people whom we represent. As we propose legislation and new programs for today, teach us to think about the consequences of our choices in future years.

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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to authorizing the abatement of certain property tax assessments in the town of Danvers (House, No. 2023) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, January 24.

The message was read; and it was referred, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for said committee, then reported on the foregoing message, a Bill recommending legislation relative to authorizing the abatement of certain property tax assessments in the town of Danvers (printed in House, No. 2023), which was read.

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

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough, Barrows of Mansfield and Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating William Riley on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Joanne E. Bernard.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rice of Gardner) congratulating City Councilor Joanne E. Bernard of Gardner; and

Stella M. Masiello.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Walsh of Boston, Casey of Winchester and Petruccelli of Boston) congratulating Stella M. Masiello on the occasion of her ninetyeth birthday;

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 Mr. Rush of Boston, the resolutions were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

The following order (filed this day with the Clerk by Mr. Scaccia of Boston) was referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

House Counsel,—
third
reading
bills.

Ordered, That notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 22, prior to the appointment of members to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, the Counsel to the House of Representatives shall be authorized to perfect bills and resolves ordered to a third reading by the House.

Mr. Scaccia, for said committee, then reported recommending that the order ought to be adopted.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Reports of a Committee.

Monroe,—
property
taxes.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on a petition, a Bill relative to the town of Monroe (House, No. 2008), which was read [Local Approval Received].

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

Spencer,—
finance
office.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on a petition, a Bill establishing an office of finance in the town of Spencer (House, No. 2013), which was read [Local Approval Received].

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

Burlington,—
town
meeting.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on a petition, a Bill relative to the procedures of town meeting in Burlington (House, No. 2014), which was read [Local Approval Received].

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

Wellesley,—
group
insurance.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Wellesley to establish a group insurance liability fund (House, No. 2015), which was read [Local Approval Received].

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

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of North Attleborough to enter into a certain lease (House, No. 2016), which was read [Local Approval Received].

North
Attleborough,—
lease.

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

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Westborough to release an easement over land (House, No. 2017), which was read [Local Approval Received].

Westborough,—
easement.

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

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on a petition, a Bill relative to town of North Andover (House, No. 2018), which was read [Local Approval Received].

North
Andover,—
officials.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Sandlin of Agawam, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on a petition, a Bill establishing a golf course capital improvement fund in the town of Dennis (House, No. 2019), which was read [Local Approval Received].

Dennis,—
golf
course.

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

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Anthony Ferrara, an employee of the Department of Revenue (House, No. 2022), which was read.

Anthony
Ferrara,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Sandlin of Agawam, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on a petition, a Bill relative to the sewerage facilities and betterments in the town of Millbury (House, No. 2024), which was read [Local Approval Received].

Millbury,—
sewerage.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Sandlin of Agawam, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on a petition, a Bill relative to the town of Florida (House, No. 2025), which was read [Local Approval Received].

Florida,—
property
tax.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Sandlin of Agawam, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Recesses.

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At eleven minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until the hour of one o'clock P.M.; and at that time the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

The Chair (Mr. Donato) thereupon declared a further recess until a quarter after two o'clock; and at twenty-five minutes after two o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair

The Chair (Mr. Donato) thereupon declared a further recess until half past three o'clock; and at twenty-two minutes before four o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Next
sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Lepper of Attleboro (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.