

Monday, February 5, 2007.

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, Your assistance and guidance encourages and enables us to accept and address the many legislative and personal issues on our day's agenda. We pray that our thoughtful and reasoned legislative proposals and suggested administrative programs are relevant, ethical and are designed to meet the current needs of people and society. As elected leaders, we know that these times require more wisdom than emotional responses to issues and more openness to new data and information than satisfaction with the outdated material of the past. In this age of possible terrorist activities, teach us to continue to respect the dignity and innate rights (human, civil and religious) of all people.

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.

#### *Resolutions.*

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

Emile J. Goguen.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Flanagan of Leominster and other members of the House) congratulating the honorable Emile J. Goguen on the occasion of his retirement from the Massachusetts House of Representatives from the Third Worcester District;

W. Thomas Frank.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hynes of Marshfield) congratulating United States Army Colonel W. Thomas Frank, M.D., for his outstanding and distinguished service to his country;

Christopher M. McDermott.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Linsky of Natick and Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Christopher M. McDermott on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Theodore Paul Sobolewski.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Reinstein of Revere and O'Flaherty of Chelsea) congratulating Theodore "Teddy" Paul Sobolewski on the occasion of his retirement from the city of Chelsea after thirty-seven years of dedicated public service;

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

*Paper from the Senate.*

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ann Brevik, an employee of the Department of Social Services (Senate, No. 12) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Ann  
Brevik,—  
sick leave.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Swansea Water District (House, No. 2031). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Swansea  
Water  
District.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Westborough to release an easement over land (see House, No. 2017) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
enacted.

*Recess.*

At twenty-seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House recessed until the hour of twelve o'clock noon; and at that time the House was called to order with Mr. Petrolati in the Chair.

Recess.

*Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Jones of North Reading) commending the Ronald Reagan Legacy Project's celebration of February 6, 2007 as "Ronald Reagan Day", were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Ronald  
Reagan  
Day.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, 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.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—  
*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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