

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

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Thursday, February 21, 2008.

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, our Creator, at the beginning of today's legislative session we pause for a moment of meditation and personal prayer. We pray that our hearts and minds be filled with peace, happiness and hope in You and in Your ways. We believe that You and Your guidance enables us to cope with the sometimes difficult realities and demands of daily life. In addressing and in evaluating the current and future needs of people and our communities grant us the wisdom to make sound, just and ethical decisions. Teach us to examine all legislative proposals and all public policy data which comes to us critically in our search for truth and objectivity.

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

### *Silent Prayer.*

At the request of the Speaker, the members, guests and employees stood for a moment of silent prayer in memory of Camille Austin of Quincy, who passed away earlier this morning. Camille was a valued employee of the House of Representatives since 1975 and a wonderful friend and advisor to the Republican Leader and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Eldridge of Acton) congratulating the town of Boxborough on the occasion of the two hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of its incorporation, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

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. Turner of Dennis, 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:

By Ms. Atkins of Concord, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4542) of Cory Atkins (by vote of the town) for legislation to make certain changes in the historic districts commission of the town of Concord;

Lunenburg,  
assessments.

By Mr. Eldridge of Acton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4543) of James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) that the town of Lunenburg be authorized to impose assessments for water and sewer betterments; and

Millis,  
special  
fund.

By Mr. Linsky of Natick, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4544) of David Paul Linsky and others (by vote of the town) that the town of Millis be authorized to establish a public way fund for Crestview Drive and Klifford Circle;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Psycho-  
therapy,  
regulating.

By Mr. Calter of Kingston, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas J. Calter and others for legislation to further regulate the practice of psychotherapy.

Taunton,  
Dwayne P.  
Burgo.

By Mr. Fagan of Taunton and Senator Pacheco, joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James H. Fagan and Marc R. Pacheco (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Dwayne P. Burgo to take a civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Taunton, notwithstanding the maximum age requirements.

Schoolhouses,  
decommission.

By Mr. Guyer of Dalton and Senator Rosenberg, joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Denis E. Guyer and Stanley C. Rosenberg relative to the decreased enrollment of schools receiving state grants and the closing and disposition of such schools.

Manslaughter,  
penalty.

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter V. Kocot and others relative to the penalty for manslaughter involving certain construction projects.

Sex offenders,  
voting.

By Mr. Natale of Woburn, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick M. Natale that sex offenders be prohibited from voting in public schools while classes are in session.

Credit cards,  
agreements.

By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul Kujawski relative to full disclosure of rules and regulations in certain credit card agreements between financial institutions and merchants.

Marie Silva,  
sick leave.

By Mr. Lepper of Attleboro, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John A. Lepper and Scott P. Brown that the Department of Mental Retardation be directed to establish a sick leave bank for Marie Silva, an employee of said department.

Motor vehicle  
operators,  
testing.

By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Vincent A. Pedone for legislation to require operators of motor vehicles to be re-tested every two years.

Embryonic  
stem cells,  
research.

By Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Elizabeth A. Poirier relative to the use of human skin cells for embryonic stem cell research.

Jesse  
Goguen,  
sick leave.

By Mr. Rice of Gardner, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert L. Rice, Jr., and others for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jesse Goguen, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Donna L.  
Monfredo,  
sick leave.

By Ms. Richardson of Framingham, joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Pam Richardson, Karen E. Spilka and another for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Donna L. Monfredo, an employee of the Department of Correction.

By Mr. Rodrigues of Westport, joint petition to Joint Rule 12) of Michael J. Rodrigues and others that the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be directed to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Westport to Edward Peter Haley.

Westport,  
Edward  
Peter  
Haley.

By Mr. Ross of Wrentham, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard J. Ross for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Deborah A. Jones, an employee of the Department of Mental Retardation.

Deborah  
Jones,  
sick leave.

By Ms. Sandlin of Agawam, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rosemary Sandlin relative to the penalties imposed for disruption of a military funeral or memorial service for veterans.

Military  
funerals,  
disruption.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rosemary Sandlin that owners of motor vehicles suffering from hemiplegia be exempt from payment of the excise tax on such vehicles.

Motor  
vehicles,  
tax exemption.

By Mr. Sciortino of Medford, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carl M. Sciortino, Jr., and others that the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to grant easements in certain land to the housing authority of the city of Somerville.

Somerville,  
easements.

By Mr. Vallee of Franklin, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James E. Vallee and others that the Department of Public Health be directed to maintain a listing of certain unsafe products used by children.

Children,  
unsafe  
products.

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

#### *Papers from the Senate.*

##### Reports

Of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspections of certain correctional facilities in the Commonwealth, severally were spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Correctional facil-  
ities, inspection  
reports.

Of the Massachusetts Treatment Center, in the town of Bridgewater; and

Of the Old Colony Correctional Center, in the town of Bridgewater; Severally were spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

##### House bills

Exempting the city of Springfield from certain provisions of the General Laws (House, No. 4082);

Third  
reading  
bills.

Relative to town employees of the town of West Tisbury (House, No. 4102) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to the charter of the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4267); and

Establishing a charter for the town of Medway (House, No. 4460) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Order.*

Next  
sitting.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—  
*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 twenty-two minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of  
Mr. Lepper of Attleboro (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.