

Monday, February 26, 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, Our Creator, we place our trust and hope in You. We look to You for the courage and strength to face up to and to cope with the legislative and personal issues and challenges of the day. Your ways and assistance help us to make good, right and thoughtful decisions at all times and in all circumstances. In these uneasy times, inspire us to dialogue and to reason together as we continue our efforts to build stable, peaceful and family-friendly communities. Teach us to remain faithful to our own high ideals as well as to our traditional principles and values. May we, as a society, respect the innate human and civil rights and religious values of all in our communities.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, to 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 — Supplemental Appropriation Bill
Returned with Recommendation of Amendment.*

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment Section 3 contained in the engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2007 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects [see House, No. 2037, amended] (for message, see House, No. 3750) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, February 22.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the amendment was thereupon "before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment".

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by the Governor, the section (printed as House, No. 3751) was referred, on motion of Mr. Golden of Lowell, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Resolutions.

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

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

Parker
Milender.

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

Daniel
Opatka.

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

Everett R.
Tripp IV.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Barrows of Mansfield) congratulating Everett R. Tripp IV on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Matthew
Vines-
Cavanaugh.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Barrows of Mansfield) congratulating Matthew Vines-Cavanaugh on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

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

Petition.

Dennis
McNamara,—
sick leave.

Mr. Nangle of Lowell presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David M. Nangle and Colleen M. Garry for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Dennis McNamara, an employee of the Department of Fish and Game; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports

Correctional
facilities,—
inspectional
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:

Of the Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction, in the city of Northampton; and

Of the Worcester County House of Correction and Jail, in the town of West Boylston.

Severally were spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

Executive Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2007.

Reorganization
plan
Number 1.

In accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23A, the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, to whom was referred Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2007 (submitted by the Governor under the provisions of Article LXXXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution) reorganizing the Governor's Cabinet and certain agencies of the Executive Department (see House, No. 2034),— which had been referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight,— was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting (the time within which the said committee was required to report having expired), the question being, "Shall this reorganization plan be approved?"

Recesses.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Rush of Boston (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until half past one o'clock P.M.; and at twenty-three minutes before two o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair. Recesses.

The House thereupon took a further recess, on motion of Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow, until half past two o'clock; and at that time the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

The House thereupon took a further recess, on motion of Mr. Rushing of Boston, until half past three o'clock; and at that time the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, for the committee on Election Laws, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill validating the actions taken at a certain election held in the town of Wareham (printed in House, No. 3747). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Wareham,—
town election.

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 Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

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

At twenty-six minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.