

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, May 5, 2008.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown 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 depend upon You, Your guidance and direction in evaluating and addressing our legislative and personal goals and priorities for this day. Teach us to be open to new and accurate knowledge, information and data. May we continue to work with colleagues and constituents in meeting the present and future needs and rightful expectations of the people in these uneasy changing times. Inspire us to encourage all people, especially our young people, to use their talents and gifts in a positive and productive manner. Grant us the courage and wisdom to remain faithful to our ideals, our spiritual and human values and our religious commitments and beliefs.

Prayer.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of the House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Kaprielian), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to an inspection of M.C.I. Cedar Junction, in the town of Walpole, was spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

M.C.I. Cedar
Junction,
inspection.

A petition of Therese Murray, Eric Turkington, Robert A. O'Leary, Jeffrey D. Perry and other members of the General Court for legislation to create the Massachusetts Military Reservation Fire Department, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Massachusetts,
Military Fire
Department.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2682) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Recess.

At three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Balser of Newton (Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown being in the Chair), the House recessed until the hour of twelve o'clock noon; and at twelve minutes after twelve o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Ms. Kaprielian in the Chair.

Recess.

Orders of the Day.

Nursing
homes,
transfers and dis-
charges.

The House Bill relative to nursing home transfers and discharges (House, No. 2141) (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be consolidated with the Senate Bill requiring adequate discharge planning for nursing home residents (Senate, No. 410), likewise referred to said committee; and the report was accepted.

Pending the question on passing the consolidated bill (House, No. 2141) to be engrossed, Ms. Khan of Newton moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4721), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Deborah A. Jones, an employee of the Department of Mental Retardation (see House, No. 4928) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the establishment of the Whitin Reservoir Watershed District in the town of Douglas (see Senate, No. 2344, amended) (which originated in the Senate) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders.

Ethics
Committee,
investigation.

An Order (filed by Mr. DiMasi of Boston) relative to authorizing the committee on Ethics to investigate the alleged misconduct of a member during the week of April 28, 2008 (House, No. 4720) was considered forthwith, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Scaccia of Boston; and it was adopted.

Next
sitting.

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.

At twenty minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.