

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

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Thursday, June 12, 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 of Goodness and Truth, we depend upon Your guidance and Your gift of wisdom in our attempt to address correctly the legislative items on the day's agenda. Teach us as members of a changing society to reason together in resolving the difficult and sometimes emotional legislative proposals. May we continue to respect the rights of all citizens to differ on their personal resolution of current complex legislative issues. Inspire us to remain faithful to our own principles, values and religious beliefs. Strengthen our efforts to build safe, ethical and responsive communities in which the needs of all people are considered and understood.

Prayer.

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.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

### *Statement of Representative Driscoll of Braintree.*

A statement of Mr. Driscoll of Braintree was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for a portion of yesterday's sitting due to personal business. Any roll calls that I missed yesterday was due entirely to the reason stated. If I had been present for the taking of yea and nay No. 390, on passing to be engrossed the Bill financing improvements to the Commonwealth's transportation system (House, No. 4846), I would have voted in the affirmative.

Statement of  
Representative  
Driscoll of  
Braintree.

### *Guests of the House.*

The Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) then introduced members of the acappella singing group "The Corporation" from Hanover High School, who sang "God Bless America" from the well of the House. Accompanied by their teacher Mark Malloy and led by their director, Allyson Greer, they were the guests of Mr. Nyman of Hanover.

The  
Corporation .

### *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable) honoring John W. Garran, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement from the Barnstable Fire Department;

John W.  
Garran, Jr.

Ian Bucklowe.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Stanley of Waltham) congratulating Ian Bucklowe on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Susan Ranello.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Stanley of Waltham and Koutoujian of Waltham) congratulating Dr. Susan Parrella on the occasion of her retirement;

Matthew Thomas Margotta.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Turner of Dennis) congratulating Matthew Thomas Margotta on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Peter James Margotta.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Turner of Dennis) congratulating Peter James Margotta on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Nicholas Hill.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Walrath of Stow) congratulating Nicholas Hill 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 Ms. L'Italien of Andover, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

The following order (filed by Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

The Judiciary committee, extension of time for reporting.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee the Judiciary be granted until Monday June 30, 2008, the time within which to report on current House documents numbered 500, 1304, 1308, 1311, 1313, 1317, 1318, 1325, 1331, 1332, 1333, 1334, 1335, 1337, 1383, 1388, 1389, 1479, 1532, 1547, 1662, 1672, 1688, 1700, 1718, 1720, 1746, 1749, 3054, 3738, 3865, 3875, 3876, 3877, 3991 and 4476.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committees on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communication.

Executive Office of Transportation, regulations.

A Communication from the Executive Office of Transportation (under Section 7V of Chapter 90 of the General Laws) submitting proposed regulations by the Registry of Motor Vehicles (House, No. 4850) was referred to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

Wareham, liquor licenses.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2741) of Marc R. Pacheco and Susan W. Gifford (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Wareham to issue eight (8) additional licenses for the sale of all-alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Reports of Committees.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill to prevent prescription fraud (House, No. 2173),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Prescription fraud.

By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, for the committee on Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tracey Albrecht, an employee of the Trial Courts (House, No. 4843). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Tracey Albrecht, sick leave bank.

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. L'Italien of Andover, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time, its title having been changed by said committee to read: "An Act establishing a sick leave bank for Tracey Albrecht, an employee of the Trial Court."

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Dempsey moved that it be amended by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the trial court, therefore it is hereby declared to be emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4843, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Parks, improvement.

By Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, that the Bill providing for the preservation and improvement of land, parks, and clean energy in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4561) ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4847). [Total Bond Authorization: \$1,613,680,000.00]. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means, with the amendment pending.

Job creation, study.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the Resolve supporting economic opportunities in the Commonwealth (House, No. 1870) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Police auctions,

regulating.

By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relating to police auctions (House, No. 1981, changed in line 1 by striking out the following: "Chapter 35" and inserting in place thereof the following: "Chapter 135").

Groton  
Country  
Club.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Groton Country Club Authority (House, No. 4008) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

*Engrossed Bills.*Bills  
enacted.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the city of Melrose to issue pension funding bonds or notes (see Senate, No. 2602); and

Further regulating the educational requirements for operating boilers under a special license (see Senate, No. 2488);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Third  
reading  
bill.*Orders of the Day.*

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Richard K. Ward III, an employee of the department of correction (House, No. 4819) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. 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 half past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (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.