

Thursday, July 5, 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:

Eternal God, we begin this day by placing our trust and confidence in You, Our Creator, and in the human and spiritual values which You have made known to us. These values offer us personal happiness, fulfillment and direction. We believe that Your gift of wisdom enables us to comprehend more clearly and readily current complex legislative and public policy issues. As elected leaders, inspire us to encourage all people to utilize their natural and intellectual talents in a productive manner to serve the common good in these changing times.

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.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

To continue the safe placement of newborn infants (Senate, No. 2177, amended in section 1, in line 10, by striking out the words "the act's" and inserting in place thereof the words "this section's",

Newborn
infants.

In lines 13, 15, 17 and 19, by striking out the word "act" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the word "section",

In line 29, by striking out the year "2010" and inserting place thereof the year "2008"; and

By striking out sections 2 and 3 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

"SECTION 2. Sections 2 and 3 of chapter 227 of the acts of 2004 are hereby repealed.") (on Senate, No. 111 and House, No. 92); and

Making provision for the management and operation of the Wallace Civic Center and Planetarium in the city of Fitchburg (Senate, No. 2209) (on Senate, No. 708);

Wallace Civic
Center and
Planetarium,—
operation.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Rehoboth to grant a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2270) (on Senate, No. 229) [Local Approval Received]; and

Rehoboth,—
liquor
license.

Authorizing the town of Ashburnham to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the

Ashburnham,—
liquor
license.

premises (Senate, No. 2271) (on Senate, No. 2240) [Local Approval Received];

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Correctional
facilities,—
inspection
reports.

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, as follows:

Of M.C.I. Cedar Junction, in the town of Walpole; and

Of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility, in the town of Plymouth;

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

Amherst,—
voting
rights.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2283) of Stanley C. Rosenberg and Ellen Story (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize local voting rights for all categories of permanent resident aliens residing in Amherst. To the committee on Election Laws.

Mashpee
Water
District.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2282) of Therese Murray and Jeffrey Davis Perry (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the Mashpee Water District to enter into a certain agreement with the town of Sandwich. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Orders of the Day.

Medford,—
school
building
assistance.

The House Bill relative to the use of certain school building assistance program reimbursements to the city of Medford (House, No. 4096, changed) (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.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, it was recommitted, on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville, to the committee on Education.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Next
sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At sixteen minutes after 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.