

Monday, July 9, 2007.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Petruccelli of Boston 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:

Gracious God, Our Source of Hope and Truth, we believe that Your assistance empowers us to make the right, fair and ethical legislative and personal choices and decisions. Your direction also enables us to keep all legislative and public policy issues, even the most complex and controversial, in clear focus. Inspire us to be constantly aware of the variety of needs of people in our communities who look to us for leadership in this changing world. Grant us the patience and the good will to work together for the present and future benefit of the Commonwealth. 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. Petruccelli), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pledge of allegiance.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield and other members of the House) honoring Gerald J. Morrissey, Jr., for thirty-two years of public service, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules. Gerald J. Morrissey, Jr.

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. O'Day of West Boylston, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petition.

Mr. Pedone of Worcester presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4131) of Vincent A. Pedone (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the administration of the city of Worcester; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Worcester,—
administration.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following matters be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Lunenburg,— land.	Senate bills Authorizing the town of Lunenburg to exchange certain land (Senate, No. 1145) [Local Approval Received]; and
Real estate tax.	Relative to municipal real estate tax notices (Senate, No. 1691); and
Parole board.	House bills Providing for behavioral science representation on the Parole Board (House, No. 1314);
Boston,— licensing.	Regarding licensing board salaries in the city of Boston (House, No. 2012) [Local Approval Received];
County jails,— “heart law”.	Providing that certain physical conditions shall be presumed to have been suffered in the line of duty (House, No. 2578);
Veterans,— taxes.	To provide local property tax relief to nonprofit veteran organizations (House, No. 3045);
African Americans.	Honoring Massachusetts African Americans (House, No. 3193, changed);
Natick,— borrowing.	To authorize the town of Natick to borrow a certain sum of money (House, No. 3969) [Local Approval Received]; and
Gardner,— liquor licenses.	Authorizing the city of Gardner to grant 3 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4106) [Local Approval Received];
	Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

TV and movie productions.

By Mr. Turkington of Falmouth, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3774) of Brian P. Wallace and Stephen Stat Smith relative to promoting film, television and commercial productions in the Commonwealth. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question, being on acceptance.

Paper from the Senate.

Motion picture industry.

The House Bill providing incentives to the motion picture industry (House, No. 4084, amended) came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2274.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the amendment (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was considered forthwith.

Mr. Turkington of Falmouth then moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendment with a further amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4130.

The further amendment was adopted. The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill designating a bridge in the city of Methuen as the Corporal David M. Vicente Bridge (see House, No. 3446, amended) (which originated in the House) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendments), 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.

Bill
re-enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Belmont to establish another post-employment benefits trust fund (House, No. 1441);

Third
reading
bills.

Relative to the investment of trust funds for the city of Newton (House, No. 3951);

Authorizing the town of Orleans to lease certain town land (House, No. 3990); and

Authorizing the town of Westborough to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to drunk on the premises (House, No. 4049) (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.

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.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford (Mr. Petrucci of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.