

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, September 22, 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:

Eternal God, on this first day of the beautiful Autumn season, we turn our thoughts and attention to You, Our Creator. May we continue to recognize and appreciate the grandeur of this vast mysterious and beautiful universe. Teach us to use these material created gifts in a responsible and careful manner, so that the present and future generations may continue to have and to use these blessings. In these uneasy times, help us to build trust, confidence and enthusiasm for the future of our communities and society. As elected leaders, may we be good, patient, but critical listeners to the insights and experiences of constituents as we try together to build a better tomorrow.

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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Bradley of Hingham) congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Christos Sofis on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. O'Day of West Boylston, Binienda of Worcester, Fresolo of Worcester, Pedone of Worcester and Spellane of Worcester) recognizing September as Infant Mortality Awareness Month;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Patrick of Falmouth and Turkington of Falmouth) acknowledging the contributions of Mr. Peter Kirwin to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Polito of Shrewsbury) honoring the Shrewsbury Housing Authority for the rededication of the Francis Gardens Apartments to honor the memory of Donald F. Ricker;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Turkington of Falmouth, Patrick of Falmouth, Atsalis of Barnstable and Peake of Provincetown) congratulating the Cape Cod Community College Educational Foundation on its twenty-fifth anniversary;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vallee of Franklin) honoring David Joseph Curran of Troop 126 BSA Franklin on becoming an Eagle Scout;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vallee of Franklin) honoring Jeremy Edward Harmon of Troop 126 BSA Franklin on becoming an Eagle Scout;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vallee of Franklin) honoring Robert Andrew Hummel of Troop 126 BSA Franklin on becoming an Eagle Scout; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vallee of Franklin) honoring Kyle Andrew Williams of Troop 126 BSA Franklin on becoming an Eagle Scout;

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

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Fernandes of Milford, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John V. Fernandes relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages to persons under twenty-one years of age.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John V. Fernandes for legislation to further regulate the renting or leasing of illegal residential premises.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill relative to the Melrose Police Relief Corporation (Senate, No. 2836) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Quorum.

Mr. Fresolo of Worcester then asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was in attendance.

A quorum not being present, under the provisions of Rule 82, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), at five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., declared an adjournment of the House until Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.