

Thursday, December 13, 2007.

Met at eight minutes after 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 believe that You are the Ultimate Source of Goodness, Forgiveness and Truth. We begin each day with the intention of serving You, our families and constituents in a conscientious manner. So we depend upon Your assistance to keep our priorities and responsibilities in clear focus as we address each day's legislative and personal items. Help us during this busy time of the year with Your assistance to make the right decisions and choices as we live and go through each day's schedule. Inspire us in these changing times to remain faithful to You and to our human and spiritual values and ideals. Teach us to consider the consequences of today's decisions on the future of the people and our communities.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of the House of Representatives, 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 Ms. Flanagan of Leominster) congratulating Nathan S. Saucier on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Douglas Anthony Wolff on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Michael Alexander Gaskin 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. Provost of Somerville, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of Joan M. Menard and William M. Straus for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kathryn McGaffey, an employee of the Department of Social Services, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2447) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Report of a Committee.

Hopedale,—
property.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill authorizing the town of Hopedale to acquire certain property for municipal purposes (Senate, No. 2321) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill relative to the special police force in the town of West Springfield (House, No. 4080), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

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sitting.

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

At eighteen 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.