

Monday, December 17, 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, in Whom we place our trust and hope, we begin this busy pre-Christmas week of celebrations and family reunions by praying for Your guidance and assistance as we take up the week's legislative and administrative issues. In Your goodness, inspire us to make the right, just and responsible choices and decisions on the current, often complex and emotional, items on our own and the legislative agenda. In this era of violence and terrorist activities against innocent people, teach us to continue our deep respect for the dignity and rights of all, including, especially, seniors and children. Teach us to be fully aware of the needs and concerns of all members of our various communities in these uncertain and difficult economic times.

Prayer.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of the 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.

*Petition.*

Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4437) of Mary S. Rogeness (by vote of the town) that the town of Longmeadow be authorized to continue the employment of Robert Danio, chief of the police department of said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Longmeadow,—  
Robert  
Danio.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2445) of Bruce E. Tarr and Bradford Hill (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to incurring indebtedness in the town of Ipswich; and

Ipswich,—  
indebtedness.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2446) of Bruce E. Tarr and Bradford Hill (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the operation of the sewer system of the town of Ipswich;

Ipswich,—  
sewer  
system.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

*Reports of a Committee.*

By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the following bills ought to pass:

Thomas  
D'Intinosanto.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Thomas D'Intinosanto, an employee of the Department of Mental Retardation (Senate, No. 2349, amended); and

John  
Sullivan.

Establishing a sick leave bank for John Sullivan, an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 2395);

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

*Emergency Measure.*

Dental  
corporations,—  
investments.

The engrossed Bill relative to investments of dental service corporations (see House, No. 1042), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Engrossed Bill.*

Bill  
enacted.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Westborough to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4178) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

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At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Wolf of Cambridge (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.