

Thursday, December 27, 2007.

Met at nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Bradley of Hingham 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:

Prayer.

God, Our Creator, we depend upon You and Your guidance in our daily struggle to serve You, our constituents and our families in a faithful and conscientious manner. We believe that Your assistance enables us to make the right, often difficult, daily choices and decisions. We also look to You for the wisdom and the courage in our efforts to build trust and confidence in our basic institutions and in the goodwill and good intentions of all people. Inspire us to work together as citizens of this country and commonwealth to meet the current needs of our families, our communities and our society.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of the House of Representatives, and their families. Amen.

Pledge of
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Bradley), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests of the House.

Eric
Turner and
Jeff
Dropo.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Bradley of Hingham) declared a brief recess and introduced Representative Eric Turner, Assistant Minority Leader of the Indiana House of Representatives and Jeff Dropo from Sandwich. Representative Turner and Mr. Dropo, co-owners of the company "American Promotional Events", were the guests of the Speaker.

Annual Report.

Northeastern,—
boating
program.

The annual report of the University Counsel of Northeastern University (under the provisions of Section 2 of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1986) relative to a summer boating program and a scholarship program established by said university under the terms of a lease of a certain parcel of land in the city of Boston, was spread upon the records of the House; and sent to the Senate for its information.

Engrossed Bills.

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enacted.

Authorizing the city of Gardner to grant 3 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4106); and

Relative to the charter of the town of Greenfield (see House, No. 4331);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kevin J. Fitzgerald, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2441), 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, in concurrence. Third reading bill.

House bills

Establishing a sewer system capital improvement fund for the town of Hadley (House, No. 4217); Third reading bills.

Authorizing the town of Harwich to acquire certain real property (House, No. 4257); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Patricia Hiersche, an employee of the Department of Mental Retardation (House, No. 4418);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading 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 tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At eleven minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater (Mr. Bradley of Hingham being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.