

Tuesday, January 27, 2009.

Met at twelve minutes after one o'clock P.M., in an Informal Session.

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Gracious God, in Whom we place our trust and hope, we believe that we live our daily lives in Your presence and that You watch over us at all times and in all circumstances. We depend upon You and Your assistance in our daily struggle to carry out our many complex responsibilities. We are grateful for our daily material and spiritual blessings that we often take for granted. Your blessings enable us to serve You and our constituents in a thoughtful and faithful manner. We, as elected leaders, thank You for the many successes which have achieved and the goals which we have needed. We are disappointed when we fail to obtain all of our objectives, but You are still at our side. In these early days of this legislative year we express our thanks to all the elected representatives in this chamber who serve and have served in public office and are dedicated in promoting the common good. Today we are grateful to the Speaker for his many years of dedicated public service to the Commonwealth. May the Lord bless us and watch over us, may the Lord let His face shine upon us and be gracious to us, may the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.

Prayer.

Lord, grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Speaker, the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Remarks of Speaker Salvatore F. DiMasi of Boston.

Speaker DiMasi, who had, on the previous day, announced his resignation as a member of the House, then made extemporaneous remarks to the members and staff of the House of Representatives, and to the many guests assembled in the Chamber.

Remarks of
the Speaker.

Member Qualified.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That a special committee to consist of five members be appointed to escort Representative-elect David L. Flynn of Bridgewater to the Council Chamber to be qualified at such time as may be convenient to the Governor and Council.

Representative-
elect
Flynn of
Bridgewater.

Representatives DeLeo, Rogers of Norwood, Rushing of Boston, Harkins of Needham and Jones of North Reading were appointed the committee.

Subsequent to adjournment of the House, notice was received by the Clerk that the committee had completed its assignment; and that Representative-elect Flynn had taken and subscribed the necessary oaths of office, and is now duly qualified as a member of the House.

At ten minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Speaker Salvatore F. DiMasi of Boston (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at half past one o'clock P.M.