

Thursday, April 23, 2009.

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, in Whom we place our trust and confidence, we try to begin each day with the right intention of serving You, our families, constituents and the Commonwealth in a conscientious and responsible manner. Consequently, we pray for the gifts of wisdom and courage to select the best legislative options which are open to us. While we recognize the many current and pressing needs of the people and our communities, help us to address in a thoughtful manner these complex and emotional issues. In celebrating Earth Day, our thoughts were directed to You, Our Creator, and the many rich and varied natural resources which we enjoy as citizens of this nation. Teach us to respect and enjoy these blessings and to protect them for both the present and for future generations. In resolving and addressing current disputed legislative and administrative issues, inspire us to work together with open and reasoned discussions. Above all we are grateful for our blessings and our natural resources.

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 Ms. Forry of Boston and other members of the House) commending the Northeastern University Center for Family Business;

Resolutions (filed by Miss Garry of Dracut) congratulating the Dracut High School "Middies" cheerleading team;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) commending Tom Green of the Hudson School Committee for his exemplary service to the town of Hudson;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham and other members of the House) calling upon the United States Congress to approve House Resolution 252 and to recognize the Armenian Genocide;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kulik of Worthington) honoring Barbara Bishop on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday;

Lee Daniel
Abecunas.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) congratulating Lee Daniel Abecunas of Medfield upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Nicholas
James
Pericles.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) congratulating Nicholas James Pericles of Medfield upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Robert
Wesley
Piersak.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) congratulating Robert Wesley Piersak of Medfield upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

William
Brokaw
Schaub.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) congratulating William Brokaw Schaub of Medfield upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Justin
Robert
Williams.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) congratulating Justin Robert Williams of Medfield upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout; and

Baystate
Mary Lane
Hospital.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Smola of Palmer and Gobi of Spencer) on the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of Baystate Mary Lane Hospital;

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, 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. Garballey of Arlington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Charlestown
Navy Yard.

A petition of Eugene L. O'Flaherty (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4075) for legislation to extend the harbor lines for the building of certain navigable waters of the Charlestown Navy Yard located in the city of Boston (having been returned by the State Secretary, under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the General Laws with memoranda relative thereto) was referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Home of the
Brave, Inc.

A petition of Garrett J. Bradley and other members of the General Court (accompanied by bill, House, No. 624) for legislation to authorize the board of trustees of The Home of the Brave, Inc., to operate certain public homes for veterans (having been returned by the State Secretary, under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the General Laws with a statement relative thereto) was referred to the committee on Housing. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Report of a Committee.

Arlington,—
Redevelopment
Board.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Bill establishing the Arlington Redevelopment Board as the Board of Survey (House, No. 3471) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill relative establishing a sick leave bank for Michael P. Harrington, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (see House, No. 2579) 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.

Michael P.
Harrington,—
sick bank.

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 8 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at twelve o'clock noon.

Next
sitting.

At a quarter 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 the following Monday at twelve o'clock noon.