

Monday, June 15, 2009.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow 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.

Eternal God, we believe that You are with us and watch over us every moment of the day. We also believe that You have a personal interest in and concern for our material and spiritual well-being. Consequently, we try to begin each day with the right intention of serving You, our constituents and our families to the best of our human ability. As elected representatives of the people, we pray each day for Your guidance in addressing the hard choices and difficult decisions which we face in these unusual economic times. With Your help, inspire us to select legislative options which are just, moral and reasoned. May we remain faithful to our personal ideals, goals and our own philosophical and religious principles. Help us to work through our past disappointments, frustrations and failures and to look to the future with confidence and enthusiasm. In celebrating Bunker Hill Day on Wednesday, may we once again recall and be thankful for the sacrifices, vision, courage and the dedication to personal freedom of the founders of our country. Teach us to continue that spirit in today's changing world and culture. Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of
allegiance.

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

Message from the Governor.

State Racing
Commission.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to the State Racing Commission (House, No. 1144) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, June 10.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Verna Mae
Machado.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable) congratulating Verna Mae Machado on the occasion of her retirement;

Dr. Fernanda
Coelho.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cabral of New Bedford and other members of the House) honoring Dr. Fernanda Isabel Cadilhe Veiga Coelho;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Canavan of Brockton, Creedon of Brockton and Flynn of Bridgewater) congratulating Dr. William John Simmons, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement;

Dr. William
Simmons.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Galvin of Canton) celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Blue Hills Trailside Museum;

Blues Hills
Museum.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Khan of Newton, Balser of Newton and Koutoujian of Waltham) congratulating Dr. Brenda Keegan on the occasion of her retirement;

Dr. Brenda
Keegan.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Kujawski of Webster, Alicea of Charlton and Frost of Auburn) congratulating Ernest L. Boss on the occasion of his retirement from the Oxford Public School District;

Ernest L.
Boss.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Turner of Dennis and Peake of Provincetown) congratulating Michael B. Gradone on the occasion of his retirement; and

Michael B.
Gradone.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Walsh of Boston and other members of the House) memorializing Congress on the spending of federal economic renewal grants to the Commonwealth;

Congress,—
economic
renewal
grants.

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. Smizik of Brookline, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Ms. Garry of Dracut presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1143) of Colleen M. Garry and Susan C. Tucker (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment of special police officers in the town of Dracut; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Dracut,—
special
police
officers.

Petitions severally were presented and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Canessa of New Bedford, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Stephen R. Canessa and others for an investigation by the Executive Office of Transportation and the Turnpike Authority of the establishment of a fully-automated toll collection system.

Tolls,—
automated
system.

By Mr. Driscoll of Braintree (by request), petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert Molloy relative to documentation fees charged by motor vehicle dealers.

Motor vehicle
dealers,—
fees.

By Representative Patrick of Falmouth and Senator Tarr, joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Matthew C. Patrick, Bruce E. Tarr and another relative to the establishment of residential energy preservation funds by cities, towns and counties.

Municipalities,—
energy funds.

By Ms. Polito of Shrewsbury, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Karyn E. Polito and others for legislation to establish certain reforms to public school education in the Commonwealth.

Education
system,—
reform.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Karyn E. Polito for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to establishing term limits for members of the General Court.

General
Court,—
term limits.

By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey Sánchez for legislation to prohibit the issuance of mortgages to persons convicted of arson.

Arsonists,—
mortgages.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Institutional
fund
management.

A Bill providing for the uniform prudent management of institutional funds (Senate, No. 2078, amended in lines 165 to 168, inclusive, by striking out the paragraph in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

"This chapter modifies, limits and supersedes the Electronic Signature in Global and National Commerce Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 7001 et seq., but does not modify, limit or supersede Section 101(c) or authorize electronic delivery of any of the notices described in Section 103 of said act, 15 U.S.C. Section 7003 (b).") (on Senate, No. 1783), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reports of Committees.

Howard W.
Dahart,
memorial
bridge.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Barre as the Howard W. Dahart memorial bridge (Senate, No. 2034) be scheduled for consideration by the House. Placed, under Rule 7A, in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Maria
Natal,—
sick leave
bank.

By Mr. Spellane of Worcester, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Maria Natal, an employee of the Department of Revenue (House, No. 601). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Angela N. Wilson, an employee of the Department of Youth Services (House, No. 613), 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.

Next
sitting.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.