

Thursday, February 10, 2011.

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).

Pledge of allegiance.

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.

Appointment of the Speaker.

MCCA—partnership.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Representative Collins of Boston to serve as a member of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority's Convention Partnership.

Semi-Annual Report.

Insurance Fraud Bureau.

The semi-annual report of the Insurance Fraud Bureau (pursuant to Section 1 (k) of Chapter 338 of the Acts of 1990, as most recently amended by Section 5 of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 2002) containing a spending and management plan for said office, was placed on file.

Communication.

Sixth Worcester District,—contested election.

A communication from William F. Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth, submitting a copy of the decision rendered on February 1, 2011, by the Honorable Richard T. Tucker, Justice of the Superior Court, relative to the contested election for the office of State Representative in the Sixth Worcester District between Geraldo Alicea of the town of Charlton and Peter J. Durant of the town of Spencer (see, Worcester Superior Court Civil Action No. 2010-2624), was placed on file.

Resolutions.

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

Benjamin Vincent Chartier.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kane of Holyoke) congratulating Benjamin Vincent Chartier on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Conor Michael Fitz.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kane of Holyoke) congratulating Conor Michael Fitz on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Nicholas Raymond Murray.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kane of Holyoke) congratulating Nicholas Raymond Murray on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Kevin Thomas O'Connor.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kane of Holyoke) congratulating Kevin Thomas O'Connor on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Tyler Simonson del Sesto.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Tyler Simonson del Sesto on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Swan of Springfield) celebrating the life of George R. Marshall and his historical contributions to the city of Springfield; George R. Marshall.

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

Report of Committee.

The special committee of the House to examine the returns of votes for Representative in the several Representative Districts in the Commonwealth, reported (on the residue), an Order relative to a special election for the Sixth Worcester District (House, No. 43). Sixth Worcester District,—special election.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Order.

The following order (filed this day with the Clerk by Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop) was referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Ordered, That the precept to be issued by the Speaker, under the provisions of Section 141 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, appointing a time for the election to fill the vacancy existing in the office of Representative in the General Court from the Sixth Worcester District shall designate Tuesday, May 10, 2011, as the time ordered by the House of Representatives for said election. Sixth Worcester District,—time for election to fill vacancy

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order ought to be adopted.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Moran of Boston, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Pedone of Worcester,— Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At twenty-four minutes 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 eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.