

Monday, February 12, 2007.

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:

God of Hope and Truth, we look to You for guidance and direction as we sort out, arrange and address the issues on our list of things to do today. In Your goodness, help us to evaluate correctly our tasks and responsibilities, as well as our opportunities to make right, objective and ethical decisions. We know our human limitations and our inability to resolve to the satisfaction of all people, today's legislative and administrative challenges. Inspire us to offer constituents our best and most honorable choices. In these times of worldwide change and unrest, especially in cultural and economic affairs, we pray for peace in the world and in our hearts, minds and souls.

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.

Message from the Governor — Reorganization Plan Number 1 of 2007.

A message from His Excellency the Governor submitting (under Article LXXXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution) Reorganization Plan Number 1 of 2007, relative to reorganizing the Governor's Cabinet and certain agencies of the Executive Department (House, No. 2034) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, February 9.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Article LXXXVII and Joint Rule 23A, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Messages from the Governor — Bills Returned with Recommendations of Amendments.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill relative to the procedures of town meeting in the town of Burlington [see House, No. 2014] (for message, see House, No. 2035) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday February 8.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was thereupon "before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment".

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by His Excellency, the bill was referred, on motion of Mr. Golden of Lowell, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Wellesley,—
group
insurance.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Wellesley to establish a group insurance liability fund [see House, No. 2015] (for message, see House, No. 2036) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday February 8.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was thereupon “before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment”.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by His Excellency, the bill was referred, on motion of Mr. Golden of Lowell, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Resolutions.

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

Isak Oberg.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kujawski of Webster) congratulating Isak Oberg on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Robert B.
Ellston

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating Robert B. Ellston on his retirement after thirty-three years;

Conservation
commissions.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Smizik of Brookline) congratulating the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions on the occasion of their fiftieth anniversary;

Cori
Sullivan.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Walrath of Stow) congratulating Cori Sullivan on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of America; and

Andrea
Tobin.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Walrath of Stow) congratulating Andrea Tobin on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of America;

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, 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.

Papers from the Senate.

Commonwealth
Corps,—
establish.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to establish the Commonwealth Corps (Senate, No. 13) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

MCI
Framingham,—
inspection.

A report of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to an inspection of MCI Framingham, in the town of Framingham, was spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of George N. Peterson, Jr., Stephen M. Brewer and Edward M. Augustus, Jr., relative to the terms of a conveyance by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance of a certain parcel of land in the town of Grafton. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Grafton,—
conveyance.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to convey certain land in Foxborough (House, No. 2020). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Verga of Gloucester, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Foxborough,—
land.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Wolf of Cambridge (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.