

Thursday, February 16, 2012.

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).

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. Pledge of allegiance.

*Communications.*

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From the Division of Professional Licensure (pursuant to Section 3B of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) relative to the implementation of proposed fee changes by the Board of Registration in Dentistry [copy of said communication forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, as required by said law; and to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, for informational purposes]; and Board of Registration in Dentistry,— fees.

From the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (see Section 11 of Chapter 161A of the General Laws) submitting a report on its efforts to maximize non-transportation revenue; MBTA,— non-transit revenues.

Severally were placed on file.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough and other members of the House) congratulating E. Dennis Kelly, Jr., on his committed service to Bristol County and the Greater Taunton/Attleboro area; E. Dennis Kelly, Jr.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vallee of Franklin) honoring Colonel Gerard Fridmann on his return from a successful deployment to Afghanistan as Deputy Commander of the 26th Maneuver Enhanced Brigade; and Colonel Gerard Fridmann.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vallee of Franklin) honoring Brigadier General John A. Hammond on his return from a successful deployment to Afghanistan as Commander of the 26th Maneuver Enhanced Brigade; General John A. Hammond.

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

*Petitions.*

Swansea,—  
fund.

Representative Howitt of Seekonk and Senator Rodrigues presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3950) of Steven S. Howitt, Patricia A. Haddad and Michael J. Rodrigues (by vote of the town) relative to the Supplemental Reserve Fund to Ensure Fiscal Stability in the town of Swansea; and the same was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Foxborough,—  
intoxication.

By Mr. Barrows of Mansfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of F. Jay Barrows (by vote of the town) relative to public intoxication in the town of Foxborough.

New Bedford,—  
Hebert  
Bridge.

By Representative Cabral of New Bedford and Senator Montigny, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Antonio F. D. Cabral, Mark Montigny and others for legislation to designate a portion of the "New Bedford-Fairhaven Bridge" as the Roland J. Hebert Bridge.

Swansea,—  
volunteer fire  
department.

By Representative Howitt of Seekonk and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven S. Howitt, Patricia A. Haddad and Michael J. Rodrigues (by vote of the town) that the town of Swansea be authorized to provide certain tax exemptions to members of the volunteer fire department of said town.

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

*Reports of Committees.*

Cheryl A.  
Cole,—  
sick leave  
bank.

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, 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 Stephen Stat Smith for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Cheryl A. Cole, an employee of the Office of Medicaid. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Personal care  
attendants.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill to improve the personal care attendant program (House, No. 47).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to improve the personal care attendant program (House, No. 64).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to cueing and supervision in the PCA program (House, No. 65).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to clarify the definition of a personal care attendant (House, No. 75).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to cueing and supervision in the PCA program (House, No. 2685).

Nursing  
facilities  
reporting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to nursing facility reporting (House, No. 3105).

Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, No. 1994, a Bill expanding the powers of the Director of Fisheries and Wildlife (House, No. 3946). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Fisheries and Wildlife,—  
Director.

By Mr. Walsh of Lynn, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill relative to dementia patients in longterm care facilities (House, No. 347) ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefore a bill with the same title (House, No. 3947).

Longterm care facilities.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to annual immunization against influenza for children (House, No. 582) ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefore a bill with the same title (House, No. 3948).

Children,—  
influenza immunization.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendments pending.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a joint petition, a Bill naming a certain bridge in the town of Dalton (House, No. 3638). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Dalton,—  
Michael J. Casey  
Bridge.

*Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sharyn LeCesse, an employee of the Registry of Motor Vehicles (see Senate, No. 2129), 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.

Sharyn LeCesse,—  
sick leave.

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.

*Orders of the Day.*

House bills

Relative to outstanding excise tax and the towing of motor vehicles and trailers in the city of Springfield (House, No. 3490);

Third reading bills.

Authorizing the town of Westwood to grant special licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages and wines and malt beverages (House, No. 3675);

Relative to the number of voting precincts in the town of Chelmsford (House, No. 3716) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Authorizing the city of Fitchburg to grant an additional license for the sales of wines and male beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3738) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Pearlene Odom, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. (House, No. 3910) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Next  
sitting.

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

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At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.