

Thursday, February 24, 2011.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Kafka of Stoughton 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. Kafka), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor.

Transportation,—bonds.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to providing for the municipal road and bridge maintenance needs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1854), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, February 22, 2011.

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

Communication.

Plainridge Racecourse,—contracts.

A communication from Plainridge Racecourse (under the provisions of Section 2 of Chapter 128C of the General Laws) submitting copies of contracts for the simulcasting of certain races, was placed on file.

Annual Report.

Pioneer Valley Transit.

The annual report of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (under Section 8 of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) of its accomplishments and achievements during the fiscal year 2010, was placed on file.

Guests of the House.

Lois and Lynn Thompson.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Kafka of Stoughton) declared a brief recess and introduced Lois and Lynn Thompson of the town of Clinton and Boylston, respectively. They were the guests of Representative Kafka.

Resolutions.

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

Massachusetts General Hospital.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop) congratulating Massachusetts General Hospital on the occasion of its two hundredth anniversary;

McLean Hospital.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop) congratulating McLean Hospital on the occasion of its two hundredth anniversary;

Alexander Cembalistry.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Alexander Cembalistry on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Tyler Medeiros on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Tyler Medeiros.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Michael Morais on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Michael Morais.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Barrows of Mansfield, Poirier of North Attleborough and Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating Christopher R.J. Schwarzer on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Christopher R.J. Schwarzer.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Creedon of Brockton) congratulating Eric Ciulla of Brockton upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout; Eric Ciulla.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Kafka of Stoughton and Galvin of Canton) congratulating Daniel Robert Noyes of Boy Scout Troop 77 on earning the Eagle Scout Award; Daniel Noyes.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Koczera of New Bedford) congratulating Kyle P. Brasseur on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and Kyle P. Brasseur.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Wolf of Cambridge) congratulating the Harvard Square Business Association on the occasion of its one hundred and first anniversary; Harvard Square Business Association.

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

Petitions.

Mr. Rogers of Norwood presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 973) of John H. Rogers (by vote of the town) that the town of Norwood be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Norwood,—alcoholic beverages.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Alicea of Charlton and Senator Brewer, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Geraldo Alicea and Stephen M. Brewer for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Sheila Santelli, an employee of the Department of Housing and Community Development. Sheila Santelli,—sick leave bank.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian S. Dempsey relative to establishing a sick leave bank for David Cummings, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. David Cummings,—sick leave.

By Representative Keenan of Salem and Senator Berry, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John D. Keenan and Frederick E. Berry for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Brenda Randazzo, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. Brenda Randazzo,—sick leave bank.

Mitch  
Dembowski,—  
sick leave.

By Representative Miceli of Wilmington, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James R. Miceli for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Mitch Dembowski, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services.  
Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

*Paper from the Senate.*

Nena  
Canada,—  
sick leave  
bank.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Nena Canada, an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 23) (on Senate, No. 21), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

*Report of a Committee.*

Methuen,—  
health  
insurance.

By Mr. Kane of Holyoke, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to health insurance in the city of Methuen (House, No. 558) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

*Order.*

Next  
sitting.

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

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At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Mr. Kafka of Stoughton being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.