

Monday, February 27, 2012.

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).

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. Pledge of allegiance.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Hill of Ipswich) congratulating Drew Schimmel on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules. Drew Schimmel.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hill, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Mrs. Nyman of Hanover presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rhonda L. Nyman and John F. Keenan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Mary M. Stanton, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. Mary M. Stanton,—
sick leave bank.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Wolf of Cambridge, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Linsky of Natick and Senator Ross presented a joint petition (subject Joint Rule 12) of David Paul Linsky and Richard J. Ross for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Janet Ruggieri, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. Janet Ruggieri,—
sick leave bank.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to students with disabilities in post secondary education, employment and independent living (House, No. 3720), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in section 3, in line 31, striking out the word "June" and inserting in place thereof the word "September". Disabled,—
transition.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Sannacandro of Ashland, the amendment (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Janet
Ochner,—
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 joint petition of Peter V. Kocot and Stanley C. Rosenberg for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Janet Ochner, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Wolf of Cambridge, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Community
housing and
services.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to community housing and Services (Senate, No. 1967, amended), ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 3963. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendment pending.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, then reported recommending that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 1967, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Richard
Hughes,—
sick leave
bank.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Richard Hughes, an employee of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (House, No. 3891). 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.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Scholarship
fund,—
disabilities.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Resolve creating a scholarship fund to further the study of developmental disabilities (House, No. 54).

Public
disclosure.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for the public disclosure of quality indicators for persons with developmental disabilities (House, No. 55).

Child Advocate,—
access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to access for the Office of the Child Advocate (House, No. 58).

Child Advocate,—
Advisory
Board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill expanding the office of the Child Advocate Advisory Board (House, No. 59).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill pertaining to definitions in the Office of the Child Advocate (House, No. 60).

Child Advocate Board.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Woburn to place a certain question relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages on the state election ballot (House, No. 3892) [Local Approval Received].

Woburn,— alcoholic beverages.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill relative to a voting precinct in the town of Dracut (printed in House, No. 3958).

Dracut,— voting precinct.

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

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Bill relative to dementia patients in longterm care facilities (House, No. 347), be scheduled for consideration by the House, with the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Health Care Financing,— that the bill be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 3947),— pending. Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading, with the amendment pending.

Dementia patients.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Bill relative to annual immunization against influenza for children (House, No. 582), be scheduled for consideration by the House, with the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Health Care Financing,— that the bill be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 3948),— pending. Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading, with the amendment pending.

Children,— influenza immunization.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following matters be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Northfield (Senate, No. 1959, amended) [Local Approval Received]; and

Northfield,— recalls.

House bills

To promote open space residential development (House, No. 370);

Housing.

Creating smoke free elderly housing units in the Commonwealth (House, No. 383);

Elderly housing,— smoke free.

Creating a regional school district planning committee (House, No. 1918, changed);

School district,— committee.

Providing for nonsmoking units in elderly housing (House, No. 2110);

Elderly housing.

Naming a certain bridge in the town of Dalton (House, No. 3638); and

Casey Bridge.

Relative to the powers and duties of a regional school district (House, No. 3918);

Regional schools.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Engrossed Bills.

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Bills enacted.

Relative to the regulation of salaries of employees of the town Weston serving in the Armed Forces of the United States (see House, No. 3463, amended); and

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

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michael Foti, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2088), 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, in concurrence.

Id.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Stephen Gladding, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 3935), 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.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next sitting.

At twenty-one minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Kafka of Stoughton being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at one o'clock P.M.