

Thursday, March 3, 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 to a Special Commission.

State-
owned
bank.

The Speaker announced Representative Costello of Newburyport had been appointed to the special commission established (under Section 180 of Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010) for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to the feasibility of establishing a bank owned by the Commonwealth or by a public authority constituted by the Commonwealth.

Resolutions.

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

John
Reinstein.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Smizik of Brookline) congratulating John Reinstein on his fortieth anniversary as the legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts; and

National
Kidney
Day.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Swan of Springfield) congratulating the National Kidney Foundation and the Western Massachusetts Kidney Walk Committee on the historical occasion of the first annual World Kidney Day in the city of Springfield;

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.

Petition.

Lisa A.
Sullivan,—
sick leave
bank.

Mr. Dwyer of Woburn presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. Dwyer for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Lisa A. Sullivan, an employee of the Trial Court; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Emergency Measure.

Nena
Canada,—
sick leave
bank.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Nena Canada, an employee of the Trial Court (see Senate, No. 23), 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.

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 5 to 0. 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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next
sitting.

At five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (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.