

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 6, 2014.

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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Jones of North Reading) commending Alexandra Carpenter on her athletic achievements as a member of the silver medal United States women's hockey team; and Alexandra Carpenter.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kafka of Stoughton and other members of the House) celebrating one hundred and fifty years of the Order of Knights of Pythias; Knights of Pythias.

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, the resolutions were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William C. Galvin and Louis L. Kafka for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Carmen Mahone, an employee of the Trial Court. Carmen Mahone,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo M. Scaccia for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Anne Federico, an employee of the Department of Public Health. Anne Federico,—
sick leave.

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

Reports of Committees.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Todd M. Smola relative to debt authorization for the roof replacement project at the Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District. To the committee on Education. Pathfinder
Regional
School.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Cleon H. Turner and others for legislation to require post secondary institutions to inform students of their right to call their parents and their right to an attorney in the event of a disciplinary hearing that may result in expulsion. To the committee on Higher Education. Students,—
disciplinary
hearings.

Used book fundraising,— tax exemption.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Cleon H. Turner, Kate Hogan and others relative to a sales tax exemption for the sale of used books and other items sold by libraries for fundraising purposes. To the committee on Revenue.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Public funds,— deposits.

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2861) of David M. Nangle and Thomas A. Golden, Jr., for legislation to further regulate deposits of certain public funds,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Financial Services. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Foreclosure prevention,— task force.

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Resolve reviving and continuing the special task force established to study ways in which the Commonwealth can encourage the prevention of unnecessary vacancies following foreclosures shall make its final report (House, No. 3877), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Tax expenditure budget.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to the tax expenditure budget (House, No. 2630). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Small businesses.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill to promote economic stimulus in small businesses based on natural resources (House, No. 2549).

Berkshire Development Corporation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill increasing the time in which real property owned by the Central Berkshire County Development Corporation may be exempt from taxation (House, No. 3729).

Limited liability companies,— filing fees.

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relative to filing fees for limited liability companies (House, No. 2797).

Agencies,— awarding contracts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the use of force accounts (House, No. 2842).

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

Property taxes,— relief.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to broadened eligibility for relief from disproportionate property tax burdens (House, No. 2627).

Lottery,— investigations.

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relative to lottery compliance investigations (House, No. 2781).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish Uncle Sam Day (House, No. 2813) [Senator Keenan dissenting]. Uncle Sam Day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill proclaiming May as Aviation Awareness Month (House, No. 2822). Aviation Month.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill setting apart the third Saturday of the month of October as Massachusetts Minutemen and Militia Day (House, No. 2856). Minutemen and Militia Day.

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

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Acton to transfer certain forest land to general municipal purposes (House, No. 3776); and Third reading bills.

Authorizing the town of Winchester to continue employment of police chief Kenneth C. Albertelli (House, No. 3791);

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

Recesses.

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 recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at that time the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair. Recesses.

The House thereupon took a further recess, on further motion of Mr. Wong, until two o'clock; and at that time the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Angela Furey, an employee of the Trial Court (see Senate, No. 1998) (which originated in the Senate), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

Recesses.

At five minutes after two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until three o'clock; and at eleven minutes after three o'clock, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair. Recesses.

The House thereupon took a further recess, on further motion of Mr. Wong, until four o'clock; and at that time the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 3867, reported, in part, a Bill relative to unlawful sexual surveillance (House, No. 3934). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Sexual surveillance.

Sexual
surveillance.

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 the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measure.

Sexual
surveillance.

The engrossed Bill relative to unlawful sexual surveillance (see House, No. 3934), 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 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill
enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Next
sitting.

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

At thirteen minutes after five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.