

Monday, March 7, 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.

Communication.

Civil service lists.

A communication from the Human Resources Division of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (under the provisions of Section 25 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws) submitting a list of certain public safety fire promotional lists which have been revoked as of March 1, 2011, was placed on file.

Appointment to a Special Commission.

Uniform claims.

The Speaker announced Representative Walsh of Lynn had been appointed to the special commission established (under Section 57 of Chapter 288 of the Acts of 2010) for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to the value of a uniform claims administration system for all payers in the Commonwealth.

Resolutions.

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

Boxborough Grange.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Benson of Lunenburg) congratulating the Boxborough Grange Number 131 on the occasion of its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary;

Christopher Holtsnider.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford) congratulating Christopher James Holtsnider on earning the Eagle Scout Award; and

Agudas Achim.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Ross of Attleboro and Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating the congregation of the Agudas Achim on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary;

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

Papers from the Senate.

Utilities,—municipal taxes.

A report of the committee on Public Service, asking to be discharged from further consideration of so much of the message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to further strengthening the Commonwealth's partnership with its municipalities (House, No. 36) (insomuch as relates to sections 3, 4 and 5), and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Revenue,—

accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1874) of Fredrick E. Berry (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Salem to issue additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Salem,—alcoholic beverages.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1873) of Stephen M. Brewer and Anne M. Gobi (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to providing for the appointment of a treasurer-collector in the town of Barre. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Barre,—treasurer-collector.

Reports of Committee.

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 a petition of James J. Dwyer for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Lisa A. Sullivan, an employee of the Trial Court. 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 Judiciary.

Lisa A. Sullivan,—sick leave bank.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the House Bill relative to health insurance in the city of Methuen (House, No. 558),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Methuen,—health insurance.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Margaret A. Bagley, an employee of the Trial Court (see House, No. 44, amended), 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.

Margaret A. Bagley,—sick leave bank.

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 13 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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.

Bill enacted.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Nena Canada, an employee of the Trial Court (see Senate, No. 23) (which originated in the Senate), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in the adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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sitting.

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

At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.