

Thursday, March 8, 2007.

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).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Goodness and Hope, at the beginning of today's legislative session, we pause for a moment of personal reflection and prayer. In our struggle to address and resolve the legislative and personal items on this day's agenda, we place our trust and faith in You, Your assistance and Your guidance. In these uncertain times, inspire us to be leaders who build confidence by our thoughtful words and actions in the hearts and minds of the people, in our basic institutions and in our constitutions, both federal and state. Teach us to be aware of the various needs of people in our districts and communities. May we, as a society, strive for high standards and excellence in all areas of government administration. Prayer.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation regarding the licensing requirements for landlocked filled tidelands (House, No. 3757) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, March 1. Landlocked filled tidelands.

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

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Donelan of Orange) in recognition of Barney Cummings for his endless dedication to the community and town of Athol; Barney Cummings.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Finegold of Andover) greetings and congratulations to the Iranian-American community on the occasion of Nowruz; Nowruz.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Forry of Boston and St. Fleur of Boston) commending Charles M. Horsley; Charles M. Horsley.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peake of Provincetown) congratulating Nicholas Kulak on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Nicholas Kulak.

Mary Lou Morgan.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Turner of Dennis) congratulating Mary Lou Morgan on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday; and

Peter H. Snow.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Turner of Dennis) congratulations to fire-fighter Peter H. Snow on the occasion of his retirement;

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, 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 Ms. Wolf of Cambridge, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Fitchburg,—
illegal
dumping.

Mr. DiNatale of Fitchburg presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3939) of Stephen L. DiNatale (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the fines for illegal dumping in the city of Fitchburg; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Antoinette Romes,—
sick leave.

Mr. Timilty of Milton presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Antoinette Romes, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, 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 Mr. Falzone of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:—

March 8, 2007.

Honorable Salvatore F. DiMasi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Room 356 State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Prescription
drug prices.

I have the honor to inform you that the Senate President has announced the reappointment of Senators Mark C. Montigny, Richard T. Moore and Bruce E. Tarr as directors of the National Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Prices during the 2007-2008 sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. WELCH,
Clerk of the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of David M. Nangle and Colleen M. Garry for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Dennis McNamara, an employee of the Department of Fish and Game. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Falzone of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Dennis
McNamara,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill designating a certain pier in the town of Winthrop as the Charles J. Famolare (House, No. 1931) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Winthrop,—
Famolare
Pier.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Petruccelli of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Karen White, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1659) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Karen
White,—
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea moved that it be amended by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the trial court of the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 1659, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

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

Next
sitting.

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