

Monday, March 14, 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.

Silent Prayer.

Japan,— earthquake and tsunami.

At the request of Speaker DeLeo of Winthrop, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the victims of the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

Statement of Representative Galvin of Canton.

A statement of Representative Galvin of Canton was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Mr. Galvin of Canton.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that, as result of my absence from the State House on March 9, 2011, due to a family commitment, I was unable to record votes on roll calls held during that day's sitting of the House. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on roll call numbered 25.

Appointment to a Special Commission.

State owned bank.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Representative Costello of Newburyport to the Economic Development Planning Council (under Section 16G of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) for the purpose of developing and implementing a comprehensive economic development policy for the Commonwealth.

Resolutions.

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

Italy,— liberation.

Resolutions (filed by Speaker DeLeo of Winthrop and other members of the House) recognizing the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the liberation of Italy;

YWCA.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Binienda of Worcester, Fresolo of Worcester, Mahoney of Worcester, O'Day of West Boylston and Pedone of Worcester) congratulating the YWCA Central Massachusetts on its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary;

Connor L. Blackmon.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Winslow of Norfolk) congratulating Connor L. Blackmon upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Andrew Robert Bond.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Winslow of Norfolk) congratulating Andrew Robert Bond upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Matthew J. Daniele.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Winslow of Norfolk) congratulating Matthew J. Daniele upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Winslow of Norfolk) congratulating Joseph L. McKinney upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Joseph L. McKinney.

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.

Communication.

A communication from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 166 of Chapter 131 of the Acts of 2010) submitting its detailed audit of public safety vehicles and equipment in the Commonwealth, was placed on file.

Public Safety,— equipment audit.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 3256) of Sarah K. Peake and Daniel A. Wolf (by vote of the town) for legislation to make certain changes in the charter of the town of Eastham.

Eastham,— town charter.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 3257) of Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment of the treasurer/collector of the town of Eastham by the administrator of said town; and

Eastham,— treasurer/collector.

By Representative Turner of Dennis and Senator Wolf, a joint petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 3258) of Cleon H. Turner and Daniel A. Wolf (by vote of the town) relative to the establishment of a barrier beach protection stabilization fund in the town of Dennis;

Dennis,— stabilization fund.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Mr. Torrisi of North Andover, a petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 3259) of David M. Torrisi, William Lantigua (mayor) and others (members of the city council) (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Lawrence be authorized to exempt the position of fire chief from the civil service law. To the committee on Public Service.

Lawrence,— fire chief.

By Mr. Turner of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 3260) of Cleon H. Turner and Demetrius J. Atsalis (by vote of the town) that the town of Yarmouth be authorized to impose a room occupancy tax on certain property rentals located in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Yarmouth,— room occupancy tax.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1876) of Michael R. Knapik and Donald F. Humason, Jr. (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Westfield to convert a seasonal liquor license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises to an annual license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Westfield,— liquor license.

Peru,—
construction
fund.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1878) of Benjamin B. Downing and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Peru to establish a fire station construction fund; and

Millville,—
reserve
fund.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1879) of Richard T. Moore and Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to a certain reserve fund in the town of Millville;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Timothy J.
Scott,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1880) of Mark C. Montigny and Christopher M. Markey for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Timothy J. Scott, an employee of the Department of Correction; and

Hartmut R.
Andrade,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1881) of Mark C. Montigny and Christopher M. Markey for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Hartmut R. Andrade, an employee of the Bristol County Sheriff's Office;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

Long term
care
facilities.

By Mr. Walsh of Lynn, for the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 347) of Alice K. Wolf and others relative to dementia patients in long term care facilities,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Elder Affairs.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Jeffery
Botelho,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jeffery Botelho (House, No. 736).

Barbara
Silva,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Barbara Silva, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Correction (House, No. 1589).

David
Cummings,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for David Cummings, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (House, No. 3220).

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

Order.

Next
sitting.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

At eight 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 Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.