

Monday, March 19, 2012.

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 of the Minority Leader.

STEM,—
Minority
Leader
appointment.

The Minority Leader announced that he had appointed Representative Bastien of Gardner to serve as his designee on the Board of Trustees for the Commonwealth Covenant Fund established (pursuant to Section 35EE of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) to make loan payments on behalf of graduates of Massachusetts public institutions of higher education who are employed in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Resolutions.

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

Jacqueline
Carson.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Jones of North Reading and Dwyer of Woburn) congratulating Jacqueline Carson on being named the 2011 Outstanding Citizen of the Year from Reading;

Kathleen
Walsh.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Jones of North Reading) congratulating Kathleen Walsh on being named the 2011 Outstanding Citizen of the Year from North Reading;

Maurice
"Moe"
Joseph
Boisvert.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Day of West Boylston and other members of the House) congratulating Maurice "Moe" Joseph Boisvert on the occasion of his retirement as President and Chief Executive Office of Youth Opportunities Upheld; and

Charlie
Salisbury.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Torrisi of North Andover and Lyons of North Andover) congratulating Charlie Salisbury on his retirement from the position of town moderator in the town of North Andover;

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

Monthly Report.

Unemployment
Trust Fund.

A monthly report of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (under Chapter 142 of the Acts of 2003) relative to the condition of the Commonwealth's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for February, 2012, was placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill designating World Voice Week (Senate, No. 2107) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

World
Voice
Week.

The petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2178) of Benjamin B. Dowling and Gailanne M. Cariddi (with the approval of the mayor and city council) to modify the Pittsfield Economic Development Authority. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Pittsfield,—
Economic
Development.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2179) of Benjamin B. Dowling and Gailanne M. Cariddi (with the approval of the mayor and city council) to authorize the city of Pittsfield to prohibit heavy commercial vehicles from traveling on Melbourne Street. To the committee on Transportation.

Pittsfield,—
commercial
vehicles.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules and the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Angelo M. Scaccia, William F. Galvin (Secretary of the Commonwealth) and others relative to ballot questions concerning the issuance of licenses for gaming establishments. To the committee on Election Laws.

Gaming,—
ballot
questions.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Louis L. Kafka and others relative to establishing a Department of Environmental Protection appeals board. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Environmental
appeals,—
board.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Louis L. Kafka for legislation to authorize the Commissioner of Revenue to correct any property tax assessment errors regardless of the effect on taxes or charges. To the committee on Revenue.

Tax
assessments,—
errors.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Louis L. Kafka and others for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor establishing the third week in October as Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Male
Breast
Cancer
Week.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Stephen L. DiNatale for legislation to remove the Department of Telecommunications and Cable from jurisdiction over wireless service, including mobile radio telephone service, or radio utilities. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Wireless
service,—
jurisdiction.

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

By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on Senate, No. 930 and House, No. 1398, a Bill establishing earned paid sick time (House, No. 3995). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Paid
sick
days.

State agencies,—
study.

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission to identify opportunities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of state agencies, programs and services (House, No. 3607).

State House architect,—
establish.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3571, a Bill establishing the position of architect of the State House (House, No. 3994) [Representative Orrall of Lakeville dissenting].

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Registered bonds.

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill exempting owners from providing an indemnity for certain lost or stolen registered bonds (House, No. 844).

Properties,—
development.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill facilitating the development of underutilized properties formerly operated by the Department of Mental Health or the Department of Mental Retardation for supported housing for people deemed eligible for services by the Department of Mental Health or the Department of Mental Retardation (House, No. 2591).

Government,—
costs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to soliciting and rewarding suggestions from residents to reduce costs of government (House, No. 2601).

Surplus state property.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate Nos. 1578, 1617, 1630 and House, Nos. 837, 849, and 3045, a Bill providing for disposition of surplus state real property based on smart growth land use policies (House, No. 3045).

Procurement officers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Chapter 30B (House, No. 3210).

Foxborough,—
land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land to the Foxborough Housing Authority (House, No 3859).

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

School Bus Driver Day.

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill establishing School Bus Driver Day (House, No. 842).

Fragile X Awareness Day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing Fragile X Awareness Day (House, No. 843).

City Year Day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to create an annual City Year Day (House, No. 2580).

Revere,—
bridge and facility naming.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain pedestrian bridge in the city of Revere as the Christina Markey and John Markey Memorial Pedestrian Bridge and the new maintenance facility for the Department of Conservation and Recreation located in the city of Revere as the Captain Arthur “Icy” Reinstein Memorial Maintenance Facility (House, No. 3955).

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Designating a certain bridge in the city of Attleboro as the Lynn Goodchild and Shawn Nassaney September 11th Memorial Bridge (House, No. 3740); and

Bills enacted.

Providing for a charter for the town of Westwood (House, No. 3763, amended);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Natick to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3868); and

Third reading bills.

Relative to a certain parcel of land in the town of Freetown (House, No. 3953);

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.

Order.

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.

Next sitting.

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (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.