

Thursday, March 22, 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.

Appointments of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that he had made appointments as follows:

Financial
Literacy
Trust Fund.

That Representative Brodeur of Melrose had been appointed to the Financial Literacy Trust Fund established (pursuant to Section 35QQ of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) to encourage financial literacy and education for residents, institutions, community organizations and entities that will promote financial literacy;

Lyme
disease.

That Ms. Lisa Donahue of Eastham had been appointed to the special commission established (under Section 181 of Chapter 68 of the Acts of 2011) to conduct an investigation and study of the incidence and impacts of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases in the Commonwealth;

Criminal
justice
system.

That Representatives Markey of Dartmouth and Khan of Newton had been appointed to the special commission established (under Section 189 of Chapter 68 of the Acts of 2011) to study the Commonwealth's criminal justice system;

Police Career
Incentive
Program.

That Representative Brady of Brockton had been appointed to the special commission established (under Chapter 85 of the Acts of 2011) to investigate and report on current funding levels and municipal contractual obligations established by Section 108L of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, known as the police career incentive pay program; and

Pension
system.

That Representatives Scibak of South Hadley and Brodeur of Melrose had been appointed to the special commission established (under Section 56 of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2011) to study the Massachusetts public employees' pension classification system.

Resolutions.

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

Taiwan.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Honan of Boston and Kane of Holyoke) supporting the inclusion of Taiwan in international organizations and agreements; and

Joe
Harris.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Stanley of Waltham and Lawn of Watertown) congratulating Joe Harris on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday;

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 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.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Benson of Lunenburg and Senator Eldridge, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3997) of Jennifer E. Benson and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the board of selectmen in the town of Harvard to appoint water commissioners for said town. Harvard,—
water
commissioners.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, an additional petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3998) (having been deposited with the Clerk previous to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 21, 2011) of Aaron Michlewitz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to repealing the sunset clause for the preparation of certain ballots in the city of Boston. Boston,—
ballots.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

By Representative Kocot of Northampton and Senator Rosenberg, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4001) of Stanley C. Rosenberg and Peter V. Kocot (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to establish a charter for the city of Northampton. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Northampton,—
charter.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Henriquez of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carlos Henriquez and John A. Hart, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Dacia Thompson, an employee of the Department of Children and Families. Dacia
Thompson,—
sick leave.

By Representative Smola of Palmer and Senator Brewer, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Todd M. Smola and Stephen M. Brewer for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kristin LaPlante, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. Kristin
LaPlante,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Swan of Springfield (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Domenic J. Sarno and Wayman Lee (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Springfield to use a traffic control signal violation monitoring system. Springfield,—
traffic
control.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill relative to the Dighton Water District in the town of Dighton (Senate, No. 2174, amended by adding the following section: Dighton
Water
District.

“SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of rules, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Seniors,—
protection.

A report of the committee on Elder Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 283) of Richard T. Moore for legislation to protect the interests of consumers in senior lifestyle communities,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Wenham,—
liquor
license.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2185) of Bruce E. Tarr and Bradford Hill (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Wenham to grant a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Emmy
Diaz,—
sick leave
bank.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Brian A. Joyce and Bruce J. Ayers for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Emmy Diaz, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2188) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

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:

Schools,—
prevention
programs.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Gloria L. Fox and others for legislation to establish comprehensive sexual education and violence prevention programs in the public schools; and

Children,—
protection.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to the protection of children;

Severally to the committee on Education.

Property
Rights.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Charles A. Murphy and others relative to residential and business owner's property rights; and

Edward O.
Gourdin,—
courthouse.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Gloria L. Fox and F. Jay Barrows for legislation to designate the courthouse in the Roxbury section of the city of Boston as the Edward O. Gourdin Courthouse;

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

Karen
Langley,—
sick leave.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Linda Dean Campbell and Steven A. Baddour for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Karen Langley, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services; and

Michael
Regan,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael A. Costello for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Michael Regan, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Armed force
members.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul A. Brodeur, Jerald A. Parisella and others relative to employment for armed force members returning from active duty. To the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following matters be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to a certain reserve fund in the town of Millville (Senate, No. 1879, amended) [Local Approval Received]; and Millville,—
reserve fund.

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); Revere,—
bridge and
facility
naming.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Kafka, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 3979, reported, in part, a Bill financing improvements to the Commonwealth’s transportation system (House, No. 4000). Read; and referred, under Rule 17G, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. Transportation
system,—
improvements.

Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 846, a Bill discontinuing that portion of Gravelly Brook Road lying in the town of Topsfield as a county highway, and authorizing and directing the Division of Capital Asset Management to convey and grant all right, title, and interest in said discontinued portion to abutters (House, No. 3999). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means. Topsfield,—
Gravelly
Brook Road.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the supplemental reserve fund to ensure fiscal stability in the town of Swansea (House, No. 3950) [Local Approval Received]. Swansea,—
fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3971, a Bill relative to the town of Swansea Volunteer Fire Department (House, No. 3996) [Local Approval Received]. Swansea,—
tax
exemptions.

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

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to limited purpose trust companies (House, No. 2040) (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. Trust
companies.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Bradley of Hingham moved to amend it by striking out section 3; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Trust
companies.

“*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to promulgate forthwith rules relative to the establishment and conversion of a limited purpose trust company, 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. 2040, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Dalton,—
2nd Lt.
Michael J.
Casey, Sr.
Memorial
Bridge.

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Dalton as the 2nd Lt. Michael J. Casey, Sr. Memorial Bridge (House, No. 3638) (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.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Mark of Peru moved to amend it in section 2, in lines 5 and 6, by striking out the sentence contained in those lines.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3638, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 twenty-nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (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.