

Thursday, March 24, 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).

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 Minority Leader.*

The Minority Leader announced that he had made the following appointments:

That Representative Poirier of North Attleborough had been appointed to the special commission established (under Chapter 313 of the Acts of 2010) to make an investigation and study relative to post partum depression;

That Representative Peterson of Grafton had been appointed to the special commission established (under Chapter 4 of the Resolves of 2010) to make an investigation and study relative to the marketing of seafood caught in the Commonwealth;

That Representative Lyons of Andover had been appointed to the special commission established (under Section 160 of Chapter 131 of the Acts of 2010) to make an investigation and study relative to rehabilitative support services for persons with acquired traumatic brain injuries in the Commonwealth;

That Representative Ross of Attleboro had been appointed to the special commission established (under Section 13 of Chapter 283 of the Acts of 2010) to make an investigation and study of creating jail diversion programs specifically for veterans convicted of non-violent substance abuse offenses;

That Amy Lischer of the Tufts University School of Medicine had been appointed to the State Advisory Commission established (under Section 57 of Chapter 288 of the Acts of 2010) to investigate and study the value of a uniform claims administration system for health care services in the Commonwealth;

That Representative Ferguson of Holden had been appointed (under Section 1 of Chapter 277 of the Acts of 2010) to the Massachusetts Food Policy Council; and

That Representative Barrows of Mansfield had been appointed to the special commission established (under Section 60 of Chapter 288 of the Acts of 2010) to make an investigation and study of the capital needs of the community health system of the Commonwealth.

*Resolutions.*

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Post partum depression.

Seafood marketing.

Traumatic brain injury.

Veterans,— substance abuse.

Health care,— uniform care.

Food Policy Council.

Community health,— capital needs.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Reinstein of Revere and Speaker DeLeo of Winthrop) congratulating David Colella on the occasion of his retirement from the city of Revere;

David Colella.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Jones of North Reading and Dwyer of Woburn) congratulating Sheila Clarke on being named the 2010 Outstanding Citizen of the Year from Reading;

Sheila Clarke.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Jones of North Reading ) congratulating Robert Mauceri on being named the 2010 Outstanding Citizen of the Year from North Reading;

Robert Mauceri.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Garlick of Needham and Winslow of Norfolk) congratulating Robert Luttman on being named the Medfield Foundation 2011 Volunteer of the Year Award;

Robert Luttman.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Gifford of Wareham) congratulating St. Patrick's Parish on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary;

St. Patrick's Parish.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kulik of Worthington and other members of the House) honoring the Community Action of the Franklin, Hampshire and North Quabbin regions on the occasion of its forty-fifth anniversary;

Central regions,— Community Action.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Lombardo of Billerica) urging the United States Congress to extend equal benefits for the treatment of agent orange exposure to Vietnam veterans who served outside of Vietnam; and

Congress,— agent orange.

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

Kyle Bradford Vautrinot.

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. Pedone of Worcester, 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 (deposited with the Clerk previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 21, 2011) were transmitted to the State Secretary under Chapter 3 of the General Laws, as follows:

By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Garrett J. Bradley and others for legislation to allow the non-profit corporation Home of the Brave, Inc., to construct and operate public homes for veterans.

Home of the Brave, Inc.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of James M. Murphy relative to the powers and privileges of the Massachusetts Credit Union Share Insurance Corporation.

Credit Union Share Insurance Corporation.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett and Senator Montigny, joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of William M. Straus and Mark C. Montigny for legislation to relocate certain harbor lines in the Fairhaven and New Bedford harbors.

Fairhaven and New Bedford harbors.

Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James M. Cantwell for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Brunilda Rivera, an employee of the Department of Environ-

Brunilda Rivera,— sick leave bank.

Brunilda  
Rivera,—  
sick leave  
bank.

mental Protection; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, 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. Smizik of Brookline, 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.

*Papers from the Senate.*

*Bills*

Westport,—  
Leo St. Onge.

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Westport as the Leo J. St. Onge bridge (Senate, No. 1781) (on a petition); and

Barre,—  
treasurer/  
collector.

Providing for the appointment of a treasurer-collector in the town of Barre (Senate, No. 1873) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

*Reports of Committees.*

Animals,—  
trapping.

By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on Senate No. 330 and House Nos. 245, 1140, 1992, 2001 and 3120, a Bill valuing our natural resources (House, No. 3315). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Roads and  
bridges,—  
bonding.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 1854, a Bill providing for the municipal road and bridge maintenance needs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3316). Read; and referred, under Rule 17G, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets

Newburyport,—  
fire chief.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to exempting the positions of fire chief and city marshal in the city of Newburyport from the civil service law (House, No. 1846) [Local Approval Received].

Brenda  
Randazzo,—  
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Brenda Randazzo (House, No. 3222).

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

Unemployment  
benefits.

Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 37, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2011 for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 3314). Read; and 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 the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Pedone of Worcester, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, its title having been changed by said committee to read: "An Act relative to extended unemployment benefits.". Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

Authorizing the town of Sandwich to enter into leases for recreational fields and facilities (Senate, No. 1884, amended) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing the appointment of Drew Lonergan as a police officer in the town of Bourne (Senate, No. 1885) [Local Approval Received];

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.

*Orders of the Day.*

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for David Cummings, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (House, No. 3220), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Barbara Silva, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 1589) (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. Pedone of Worcester moved to amend it 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 department of correction, 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. 1589, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Recess.*

At fourteen minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until a quarter before three o'clock P.M.; and at that time the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Sandwich,—  
land lease.

Bourne,—  
Drew  
Lonergan.

Third  
reading  
bill.

Barbara  
Silva,—  
sick leave  
bank.

Recess.

*Emergency Measure.*Unemployment  
benefits.

The engrossed Bill relative to extended unemployment benefits (see House, No. 3314) 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.

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 6 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill  
enacted.

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.

*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.

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At five minutes after three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (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.