

Monday, March 26, 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).

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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Mariano of Quincy) congratulating Mrs. Ruth "Betty" DeCristofaro on the occasion of receiving the Henry W. Bosworth, Jr. Memorial Citizenship Award; Ruth "Betty" DeCristofaro.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vieira of Falmouth and other members of the House) recognizing April 2012 as the Month of the Military Child and April 13, 2012 as "Purple Up for Military Kids Day"; and Military child month.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Walsh of Lynn and other members of the House) congratulating the St. Mary's High School boys basketball team on their 2012 season and their MIAA Division IV state championship; St. Mary's High School boys basketball.

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. O'Day of West Boylston, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Harvard to issue one-day liquor licenses (House, No. 3715), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following: Harvard,—liquor licenses.

"The licensing authority of the town of Harvard may grant: (i) special licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages only, or either of them, to the responsible manager of an indoor or outdoor activity or enterprise; and (ii) special licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages or wines and malt beverages only, or any of them, to the responsible manager of any nonprofit organization conducting an indoor or outdoor activity or enterprise under section 14 of said chapter 138."

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, the amendment (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A Bill amending the charter of the town of Norwell (Senate, No. 2186) (on Senate bill No. 1965) [Local Approval Received], passed to be Norwell,—charter.

Norwell,—
charter.

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.

Bills

Worcester,—
women.

Establishing the Worcester County Commission on the Status of Women (Senate, No. 2099) (on a petition);

Wildfire
team.

Relative to the state wildfire team (Senate, No. 2183) (on Senate bill No. 913); and

Animal
control.

Further regulating animal control (Senate, No. 2192) (on Senate bill No. 2184, amended);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Barnstable,—
sewer
betterment.

A petition of Demetrius J. Atsalis, Cleon H. Turner and Randy Hunt (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3957) relative to sewer betterment assessments in the town of Barnstable, came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had non-concurred with the House in its reference to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government; and that said petition had been referred by said branch, in non-concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.

On motion of Mr. Kane of Holyoke, the House receded from its reference to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.

Teachers,—
retirement
benefits.

A report of the committee on Public Service, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1344) of Richard T. Moore for legislation relative to the fair treatment of certain teachers' retirement benefits,— and recommending the same be referred to the Senate committee on Ways and Means,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence, insomuch as relates to the discharge of the committee.

The following communication was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

March 26, 2012.

Honorable Robert A. DeLeo
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Room 356, State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Changes in
Senate
membership on
conference
committees.

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Steven A. Badour has announced his resignation from the following committees of conference:

Senate, No. 2059 — relative to habitual offenders, sentencing and improving law enforcement tools; and

Senate, No. 1940 — to improve the administration of state government and finance.

The Senate President announced that Mr. Baddour has been replaced on the habitual offenders committee of conference by the Senator from Worcester and Middlesex, Ms. Flanagan; and on the state financing committee of conference by the Senator from Middlesex and Norfolk, Ms. Spilka.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. WELCH,
Clerk of the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, that the Bill financing improvements to the Commonwealth's transportation system (House, No. 4000), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefore a bill with the same title (House, No. 4002). Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means, with the amendment pending.

Transportation system,—improvements.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill relative to health disparities council (House, No. 51). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Health Disparities Council.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to gender-responsive programming for juvenile justice system involved girls (House, No. 2673, changed in line 1 by inserting after the word "established" the words "under the Department of Youth Services"). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Girls,—juvenile justice programs.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill relative to improving handicapped accessibility (House, No. 2671).

Handicapped accessibility.

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill concerning proprietary specifications in public construction (House, No. 824).

Public construction,—specifications.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to fees for the use of State House facilities (House, No. 1743).

State House,—user fees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to landscape sprinkler systems (House, No. 1747).

Sprinkler systems.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to clarify employee organization leave (House, No. 2575).

Employees,—leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to global positioning system technology and public employees (House, No. 2576) [Representatives Levy of Marlborough and Orrall of Lakeville, dissenting].

Public employees,—tracking.

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

Aviation
Awareness
Month.

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a joint petition, a Bill proclaiming May as Aviation Awareness Month (House, No. 1742).

Groveland and
Rowley,—
justices of
the peace.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the Governor to designate an additional justice of the peace in the towns of Groveland and Rowley (House, No. 1748).

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Bills
enacted.

Relative to compensated absences in cities and towns (see House, No. 3666); and

Relative to the procurement and award of contracts for certain affordable housing in the city of Boston (see House, No. 3853);

(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.

New Bedford
Police
Association.

The House Bill relative to the New Bedford Police Association (House, No. 1590), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading be correctly, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Cabral of New Bedford moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4006), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill 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 tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.