

Thursday, March 29, 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.

*Message from the Governor.*

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to certain reform and corrective changes relative to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4011), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, March 28, 2012. Transportation reform.

The message was read; and it was referred under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Transportation.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Barrows of Mansfield, Poirier of North Attleborough and Howitt of Seekonk) congratulating Brandon D. Deal on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and Brandon D. Deal.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Barrows of Mansfield, Poirier of North Attleborough and Howitt of Seekonk) congratulating Thomas Leo Flett on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Thomas Leo Flett.

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. Rushing of Boston, 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 Department of Housing and Community Development (under item 7004-0108 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 68 of the Acts of 2011, as amended by Section 7 of Chapter 171 the Acts of 2011 and Section 33 of Chapter 36 of the Acts of 2012) submitting proposed regulations for the HomeBASE program, so-called, was placed on file. HomeBASE program,—proposed regulations.

*Petition.*

Ms. Orrall of Lakeville presented a petition (subject Joint Rule 12) of Keiko M. Orrall relative to an interscholastic head injury safety training program; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. Head injuries,—safety training.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Natick,—  
police chief.

The House Bill relative to the duration of contracts for the position of Chief of Police in the town of Natick (House, No. 3333), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in line 2 striking out the words “or any other general or special law to the contrary” (as changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading).

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Linsky of Natick, 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.

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

Education  
standards.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2197) of Fredrick E. Berry for legislation to promote excellence in public schools. To the committee on Education.

American  
manufacturing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2198) of Richard T. Moore, Benjamin B. Downing, Stephen L. DiNatali, Linda Dean Campbell and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote American manufacturing. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

*Reports of Committees.*

Milton,—  
liquor  
license.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill authorizing the town of Milton to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises of a certain restaurant (Senate, No. 2052, amended) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Kafka, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

International  
investment.

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 829, a Bill promoting responsible investment and the prevention of genocide (House, No. 4013).

Proposal  
review.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 840, a Bill to ensure diversity in proposal review teams (House, No. 4014).

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

Legislative  
agents,—  
definition.

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 2577, a Bill redefining executive and legislative agents (House, No. 4012). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

*Orders of the Day.*

Third  
reading  
bill.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Springfield to convey certain park land and to grant a license agreement over certain park

land to Unifirst Corporation (House, No. 3874, changed), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill amending Chapter 270 of the Acts of 1985, as amended by Chapter 322 of the Acts of 1900 and Chapter 427 of the Acts of 1991 (House, No. 3433), was read a third time. Third reading  
bill amended.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by substitution of a Bill relative to the appointment of department heads in the town of Brookline (House, No. 4015), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substitute bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

#### *Recess.*

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 recessed until half past one o'clock; and at twenty-two minutes before three o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair. Recess.

#### *Engrossed Bills.*

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Relative to the charter of the town of Norwell (see Senate, No. 2186, amended) (which originated in the Senate); and Bills  
enacted.

Relative to the duration of contracts for the position of Chief of Police of the town of Natick (see House, No. 3333, amended) (which 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.

#### *Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

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At twenty minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (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.