

Monday, April 4, 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. 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. deMacedo of Plymouth) congratulating Joseph A. Belsito on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Joseph A. Belsito.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth) congratulating Jayson R. Naidoo on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and Jayson R. Naidoo.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Stanley of Waltham) congratulating Joe Harris on the occasion of his ninety-ninth birthday; Joe Harris.

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

Annual and Special Report.

Annual report of the State Lottery Charitable Gaming Division (under the provision of Section 38 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) for the fiscal year 2010; and Lottery,—charitable gaming.

Special report of the University of Massachusetts (under Section 153 of Chapter 131 of the Acts of 2010) to study the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and the University of Massachusetts at Lowell jointly establishing a public school of pharmacy; UMass,—school of pharmacy.
Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

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 petition of Christopher G. Fallon for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Joseph DeMartino, an employee of the Department of Correction. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Pedone of Worcester, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Joseph DeMartino,—sick leave bank.

Papers from the Senate.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:—

April 1, 2011.

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to inform you that the following appointments have been made to various special commissions by Senate Minority Leader Bruce E. Tarr, as follows:

Prescription forms,—tamper proof.

Senator Robert L. Hedlund to the Special Commission established (pursuant to Section 9 of Chapter 283 of the Acts of 2010) to make an investigation and study to determine a best practices model for the implementation of an official Massachusetts tamper proof prescription form;

International trade.

Senator Robert L. Hedlund to the Special Commission established (pursuant to Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010) to make an investigation and study to evaluate the continuing impacts on state laws and regulations of international trade policy and international trade agreements;

Veterans,—drug convictions.

Senator Michael R. Knapik to the Special Commission established (pursuant to Section 13 of Chapter 283 of the Acts of 2010) to make an investigation and study of the feasibility of creating a jail diversion program specially for veterans convicted on non-violent substance abuse offences;

Community hospitals,—capital needs.

Senator Michael R. Knapik to the Special Commission established (pursuant to Section 60 of Chapter 288 of the Acts of 2010) to make an investigation and study of the capital needs of the community hospital section with regard to the use of technology and adequacy of facilities, the ability to meet the health care needs of the general population in the next decade and potential sources of capital to meet those needs; and

Postpartum depression.

Senator Richard J. Ross to the Special Commission established (pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Acts of 2010) to make an investigation and study of the issue of postpartum depression.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. WELCH,
Clerk of the Senate.

Revere,—mayoral vacancy.

A Bill relative to the filing of vacancies in the office of mayor of the city of Revere (Senate, No. 1877) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports

Of the committee on Elder Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 268) of Gale D. Candaras, Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera, Sal N. DiDomenico and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide personal care attendant orientation; and

Personal care attendant.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 292) of James T. Welch, Sal N. DiDomenico, John F. Keenan and other members of the General Court for legislation to clarify the definition of personal care attendant;

Id.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 281) of Michael O. Moore relative to pediatric home care services,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee Health Care Financing.

Pediatric,—home care.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 280) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to protect against unfair prescription drug practices; and

Prescription drug practices.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 291) of Steven A. Tolman for legislation to make a technical correction to the lockbox provision of the Commonwealth's prescription monitoring program;

Id.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Public Health.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Kane of Holyoke, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Sturbridge to convey a certain parcel of land (House, No. 574) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Sturbridge,—land.

By Mr. Kane of Holyoke, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Edgartown to use a certain parcel of conservation land for grass field airport purposes (House, No. 2888) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Edgartown,—conservation land.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

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

Authorizing the town of Arlington to establish senior citizen safety zones (House, No. 560) [Local Approval Received];

Arlington,—safety zones.

Establishing a separate cemetery commission for the town of Nantucket (House, No. 567) [Local Approval Received];

Nantucket,—commission.

North Brookfield. Validating the actions taken at the annual town election held in the town of North Brookfield (printed in House, No. 1831);
 Falmouth,— Relative to the Falmouth Affordable Housing Fund (House, No. 3255) housing. [Local Approval Received];
 Eastham,— Amending the charter of the town of Eastham (House, No. 3256) charter. [Local Approval Received]; and
 Eastham,— Creating an appointed town treasurer-collector position in the town treasurer-collector. of Eastham (House, No. 3257) [Local Approval Received];
 Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill. The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Daniel Murphy, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 3250) (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; and was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

Next sitting. 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.

At eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M.