

Monday, April 9, 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 Representatives Brady of Brockton, Canavan of Brockton and Creedon of Brockton) congratulating Brian P. Feeney of Brockton upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Brian P. Feeney.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Keenan of Salem) celebrating the three hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the first muster of the National Guard;

National Guard.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Lombardo of Billerica) congratulating the Veterans of Foreign Wars Solomon Post #8819 on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary;

VFW Solomon Post #8819.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Swan of Springfield) congratulating Lee Ernest Davis on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday; and

Lee Ernest Davis.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Walsh of Boston and other members of the House) congratulating the Sisters of Charity, Halifax, on its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary in the Archdiocese of Boston;

Halifax,— Sisters of Charity.

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.

Petitions.

Mr. Sullivan of Fall River presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4030) of David B. Sullivan, Michael J. Rodrigues and Paul A. Schmid, III (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the chief of the fire department and the board of fire commissioners of the city of Fall River; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Fall River,— fire department.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Diehl of Whitman, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Geoff Diehl and David Hallinan relative to unemployment benefits for employees of educational institutions.

Educational institutions,— unemployment.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Patricia Chasse, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

Patricia Chasse,— sick leave.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Community Development and Small Businesses committee,—extension of time for reporting.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the joint committee on Community Development and Small Businesses be granted until April 30, 2012 within which to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 1843 relative to regulating franchise agreements.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Rushing of Boston, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Judiciary committee,—extension of time for reporting.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on the Judiciary be granted until April 27, 2012, within which time to make its final report on current senate documents numbered 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 689, 691, 693, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 729, 730, 731, 732, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 976, 1227, 1712, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1953, 2012, 2040, 2061 and 2160, relative to the Judiciary.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Rushing of Boston, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Transportation committee,—extension of time for reporting.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the joint committee on Transportation be granted until Tuesday, May 1, 2012 within which to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1717, 1728, 1730, 1733, 1746, 1757, 1762, 1772,

1776, 1778, 1780, 1789, 1792, 1793, 1797, 1798, 1801, 1802, 1804, 1805, 2024 and 2041 relative to transportation issues.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Rushing of Boston, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A Bill authorizing the town of Plymouth to make improvements on unaccepted roads (Senate, No. 1049) (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. Plymouth,— roads.

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 petition of Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera and others relative to privacy policies as relates to social networking and employment. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Employment,— privacy policies.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3809) relative to oral examinations for learners' permits to operate motor vehicles,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means [Messrs. Miceli of Wilmington and Durant of Spencer, of the committee on Transportation, dissenting]. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence, inasmuch as relates to the discharge of the committee. Learners' permits,— oral examinations.

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

Senate bill

Authorizing the town of Hawley to grant a license for the sale or service of wine to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 97) [Local Approval Received]; and Hawley,— liquor license.

House bills

Relative to the definition of mandated reporters (House, No. 78);

Reporters.
Animal shelters.

Relative to the regulation of animal shelters (House, No. 561);

To increase the amount that can be appropriated from the balance of a capital project fund (House, No. 1440); Capital project fund.

To ensure adequate care of animals in cities and towns (House, No. 2326); Animal care.

Relative to handicap automobile licenses or placards (House, No. 2331); Placards.

Regulating the sale of dogs (House, No. 2886);

Sale of dogs.

Creating the Melpet Farm Stable Operations and Improvement Fund for the town of Dennis (House, No. 3845) [Local Approval Received]; Dennis,— Melpet Farm.

Chelmsford,—
land.

Relative to leasing Sunny Meadow Farm in the town of Chelmsford (House, No. 3881) [Local Approval Received];

Lobbyists.

Redefining executive and legislative agents (House, No. 4012);

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Emergency Measures.

Medical
emergency
response
plans.

The engrossed Bill relative to medical emergency response plans for schools (see Senate, No. 2132, amended), 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 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Pearlene
Odom,—
sick leave
bank.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Pearlene Odom, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see House, No. 3910), 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 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Janet
Ruggieri,—
sick leave
bank.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Janet Ruggieri, an employee of the Department of Revenue (see House, No. 3976, amended), 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 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

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Authorizing the town of Kingston to install, finance and operate wind energy facilities (see Senate, No. 1915);

Authorizing the town of Wilbraham to lease certain land (see Senate, No. 2051);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Relative to the recall of elected officials in the town of Chelmsford (see House, No. 3728);

Designating a certain bridge on interstate highway Route 195 in the town of Wareham as the First Sergeant Charles W. Parker Memorial Bridge (see House, No. 3757, amended); and

Amending the charter of the town of Westborough (House, No. 3800);

(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.

The Senate Bill increasing screening for HIV (Senate, No. 2158, amended) (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 it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Third reading bill.

The House Bill increasing the membership of the town forest committee of the town of Natick (House, No. 3869) (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 it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Id.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At twenty-four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of deMacedo of Plymouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.