

Thursday, April 16, 2009.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Ms. Reinstein of Revere 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 (Ms. Reinstein), the members, guests and employees joined with her 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 Ms. Atkins of Concord) congratulating Mary Shingleton Cottrell Lawrence on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday;

Mary
Lawrence.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Donelan of Orange, Kulik of Worthington, Bosley of North Adams and Guyer of Dalton) commending retired Judge Samuel T. Tisdale for his service to the District, Probate and Superior Courts;

Samuel T.
Tisdale.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Koczera of New Bedford) congratulating William P. Contois on the occasion of his retirement;

William P.
Contois.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham and other members of the House) on the occasion of the Day of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide of 1915 to 1923;

Armenian
Genocide.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox) honoring Stanislaus 'Lollie' J. Smith; and

Stanislaus J.
Smith.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Story of Amherst) congratulating the Amherst ABC Program on celebrating its fortieth anniversary;

Amherst
ABC
Program.

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

Petition.

Mr. Rice of Gardner presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert L. Rice and Jennifer L. Flanagan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Michael F. Doiron, an employee of the Department of Correction; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Michael F.
Doiron,—
sick leave
bank.

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. O'Day of Worcester, 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.

Transportation systems,— reform.

The Senate Bill modernizing the transportation systems of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2024) came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had non-concurred with the House in its amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4051).

Committee of conference.

The bill bore the further endorsement that the Senate had asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Baddour, Brewer and Hedlund had been appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

Id.

On motion of Mr. Wagner of Chicopee, the House insisted on its amendment and concurred with the Senate in the appointment of a committee of conference. Representatives Wagner, Murphy of Burlington and Peterson of Grafton then were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be noted.

Barre,— Howard W. Dahart Memorial Bridge.

A petition of Stephen M. Brewer and Anne M. Gobi for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of Barre as the Howard W. Dahart Memorial Bridge, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Transportation.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2034) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Transportation.

Reports of Committees.

General Appropriation Bill.

Mr. Murphy of Burlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 1, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2010 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4100) [Total Appropriation: \$27,441,271,779.00]. 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 Mr. Murphy of Burlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, further consideration thereof was postponed, on further motion of the same member, until Monday, April 27.

Westborough,— land.

By Mr. Keenan of Salem, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to the disposition of property in the town of Westborough (House, No. 3147). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Third reading bill.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Cassandra Macklan, an employee of the Department of Health and Human Services (House, No. 3942); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Geraldine Egan, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 4048);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next sitting.

At twenty-one minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton (Ms. Reinstein of Revere being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.