

Monday, April 30, 2012.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Kafka of Stoughton in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Kafka), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

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

Mansfield,—
Weddleton
Bridge.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Barrows of Mansfield, Kafka of Stoughton and Poirier of North Attleborough) celebrating the dedication of the Sergeant Douglas A. Weddleton Bridge in the town of Mansfield;

Thomas L. P.
O'Donnell.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Bradley of Hingham) congratulating Thomas L. P. O'Donnell on the occasion of his retirement as moderator for the town of Hingham;

David
Hennis.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Canavan of Brockton) honoring David Hennis for receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Alexander J.
Willett.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Creedon of Brockton) congratulating Alexander J. Willett of Brockton upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Brian
Pierro.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford) congratulating Brian Pierro on earning the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Joshua
Tassone.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford) congratulating Joshua Tassone on receiving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Hampshire
County.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kulik of Worthington and other members of the House) honoring Hampshire County on the occasion of its three hundred and fiftieth anniversary;

John Allan
Jenkins.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Kulik of Worthington and Story of Amherst) honoring John Allan Jenkins on the occasion of his retirement from the University of Massachusetts Amherst;

John
Noble.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Levy of Marlborough) honoring John Noble as the oldest active Massachusetts member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart;

Natick,—
Cardellicchio
Square.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Linsky of Natick and Peisch of Wellesley) celebrating the dedication of the Cardellicchio Brothers Square in the town of Natick;

Alex
Beach.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Alex Beach on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Bryan
Beach.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Bryan Beach on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

- Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Conor Duffy on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Conor Duffy.
- Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Jonathan Mooncai on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Jonathan Mooncai.
- Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Colin Neville on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Colin Neville.
- Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Kiernan Somers on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Kiernan Somers.
- Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Rogers of Norwood, Kafka of Stoughton, McMurtry of Dedham and Winslow of Norfolk) honoring Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Vetstein on the forty-fifth anniversary of the League School of Greater Boston; Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Vetstein.
- Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Straus of Mattapoisett, Cabral of New Bedford, Koczera of New Bedford, Markey of Dartmouth and Schmid of Westport) congratulating the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary New Bedford Flotilla 65 on its seventieth anniversary; New Bedford Flotilla 65.
- Resolutions (filed by Mr. Turner of Dennis) congratulating Laura Gurney on the occasion of her one-hundredth anniversary; Laura Gurney.
- Resolutions (filed by Mr. Winslow of Norfolk) congratulating Victoria M. Abramo of Norfolk on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of America; and Victoria M. Abramo.
- Resolutions (filed by Ms. Wolf of Cambridge) honoring Just-A-Start biomedical careers program; Just-A-Start 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 Mr. Hill of Ipswich, 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 Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to Section 1J(a) of Chapter 69 of the General Laws as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 12 of the Acts of 2010) submitting proposed amendments to 603 CMR 2.00, relative to accountability and assistance for school districts and school regulations [a copy of the proposed regulations having been forwarded (on Friday, April 27) to the committee on Education, as required by said law], was placed on file. Elementary and Secondary Education Department,—regulations.

Special Reports.

Reports

Of the Director of Deferred Compensation of the Office of the State Treasurer established (under Section 57 of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2011) to increase public employee participation in state sponsored deferred compensation plans, including increased outreach and access for new employees; and Deferred compensation,—participation.

Tax
expenditures.

Of the Tax Expenditure Commission established (under Section 160 of Chapter 68 of the Acts of 2011) to review and evaluate the administration and fiscal impact of tax expenditures;
Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Workers'
compensation
insurance.

Relative to workers' compensation insurance (Senate, No. 915, amended in line 5 by striking out the word "jail" and inserting in place thereof the words "the house of correction"); and

Storage
tanks.

Relative to certain tanks used for the storage of fluids (Senate, No. 2166) (on a petition);

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

Melrose,—
housing.

Authorizing the conveyance of certain properties by the Melrose housing authority to fund improvements to low income family housing units owned by the Melrose housing authority and to increase the number of low and moderate income family housing units in the city of Melrose (Senate, No. 2234) (on Senate bill No. 2004) [Local Approval Received]; and

Wareham,—
town
election.

Validating the actions taken at the annual town election in the town of Wareham (printed as House, No. 4032) (on a message from the Governor);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Rockport,—
liquor
license.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2239) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Rockport to grant a license for the sale of wines and malt beverages at a food store, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Reports of Committees.

Pioneer
Valley,—
Polish
heritage.

By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, for the committee on Higher Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to preserving Polish heritage in the Pioneer Valley (House, No. 2105, changed in line 29 by striking out the year "2012" and inserting in place thereof the year "2013").

College
textbooks,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 561 and House, No. 1245, a Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to reducing the costs associated with the purchase of college textbooks (House, No. 4060).

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

North Shore
Community
College.

By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, for the committee on Higher Education, on Senate, No. 560 and House, No. 3325, a Bill relative to the North Shore Community College Assistance Corporation (House, No. 3325).

Tree wardens,—
regulate.

By Mr. Kane of Holyoke, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill to update the public shade tree law (House, No. 1839).

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill concerning car rental fees (House, No. 782). Car rental fees.

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

By Mr. Kane of Holyoke, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to municipal use of insurance proceeds (House, No. 557). Insurance proceeds,—use.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to the collection of personal property taxes (House, No. 2500). Personal property taxes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3435, a Bill authorizing the town of Sudbury to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4062) [Local Approval Received]. Sudbury,—property taxes.

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

Reports

Of the committee on Health Care Financing, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the Bill relative to developing an HIT revolving loan program (House, No. 628); Loan fund.

Of the same committee, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the Bill encouraging nurse practitioner and physician assistant practice of primary care (House, No. 3614); and Primary care practice.

Of the same committee, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the Bill relative to the establishment of a commission to modernize HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment (House, No. 3865); HIV/AIDS,—study.

Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on a motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the bills were considered forthwith, the question, in each instance, being on rejection (under Joint Rule 10), pending which they were recommitted, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Lynn.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to Hamilton Development Corporation (House, No. 3710) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House. Hamilton Development Corporation.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Stephen Gladding, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see House, No. 3935) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the Board of Selectmen in the town of Sherborn to enter into an employment contract for the position of Police Chief (see House, No. 3487); Bills enacted.

Bills
enacted.

Relative to the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District (see House, No. 3758);

Relative to Aquaculture license fees in the town of Mattapoisett (see House, No. 3833); and

Authorizing the city of Woburn to place a certain question on the state election ballot relative to the granting of a license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises of certain restaurants (see House, No. 3892, amended);

(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.

Order.

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.

Next
sitting.

At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Kafka of Stoughton being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.