

Monday, May 16, 2011.

Met at five minutes after 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).

Pledge of allegiance.

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.

Statement of Representative Coakley-Rivera of Springfield.

A statement of Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

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MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was absent from the House Chamber for the session held on Wednesday, May 11 due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on passing to be engrossed House bill No. 3995, An Act relative to the reorganization of the judicial system of the Commonwealth. My missing of roll calls that day was due entirely to the reason stated.

Resolutions.

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

Samantha Clark.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Samantha Clark on receiving the Gold Award of the Girls Scouts of America;

Megan Jacob.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Megan Jacob on receiving the Gold Award of the Girls Scouts of America;

Jessica McCurry.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Jessica McCurry on receiving the Gold Award of the Girls Scouts of America; and

Volunteer Infantry Regiment Trail.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox) celebrating the inauguration of the Fifty-Fourth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment Trail;

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

Communication.

Higher Education, in-state tuition retention.

A communication from the Department of Higher Education (Section 162 of Chapter 131 of the Acts of 2010) submitting a report relative to in-state tuition retention [copies of said communication forwarded to the House committee on Ways and Means and the committees on Higher Education], was placed on file.

Additional Petition.

The following petition (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 21, 2011) was transmitted to the State Secretary under Chapter 3 of the General Laws:

Municipal utilities.

A petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Tackey Chan relative to the responsibilities of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the conveyance of certain state land in the town of Sharon (House, No. 2589, changed), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Sharon, land.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, then reported recommending that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

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

Establishing a sick leave bank for Brunilda Rivera, an employee of the Department of Environmental Protection (House, No. 3328); and

Brunilda Rivera.

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Natick as the Silvano Anthony Melchiorri Bridge (House, No. 3389).

Natick, Melchiorri Bridge.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Kafka, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Bill relative to amending the charter of the town of Saugus (House, No. 3336) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Saugus, charter.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill protecting lakes and ponds from aquatic nuisances (Senate, No. 1904) (on Senate bill No. 12), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Lakes and ponds, protect.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill facilitating urban redevelopment in the city of Quincy (see House, No. 3337) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Orders of the Day.

Third Reading bills. Senate bills
 Relative to debt payments in the town of Rutland (Senate, No. 1882);
 and
 Establishing a sick leave bank for Edward V. Brooks, an employee
 of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 1917);
 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, in concurrence.

Id. House bills
 Authorizing the town of Sturbridge to convey a certain parcel of
 land (House, No. 574); and
 Authorizing the town of Montague to grant a license for the sale
 of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House,
 No. 3311);
 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.

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 twenty-five 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., in an Informal Session.