

Monday, May 18, 2009.

Met at according to adjournment eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Petrolati of Ludlow 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. Petrolati), 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 Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating John P. Boyce on the occasion of his being presented with a "Legion of Honor Medal" from the French Consul of New England; John. P. Boyce.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable) on the occasion of the Kiwanis Club of Hyannis' eightieth anniversary; Hyannis Kiwanis Club.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. L'Italien of Andover) congratulating Rosalind McKeon on receiving the 2009 Democrat of the Year Award from the Haverhill Democratic City Committee; and Rosalind McKeon.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox) celebrating the eightieth anniversary of the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary; Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary.

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. Donato of Medford, 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 Secretary of the Commonwealth, transmitting State of North Dakota House Concurrent Resolution No. 3063, demanding that the federal government halt its practice of assuming powers and imposing mandates on the states for purposes not enumerated in the Constitution of the United States, was placed on file. North Dakota,— federal powers and mandates.

*Petition.*

Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Angela N. Wilson, an employee of the Department of Youth Services; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committees on Rules. Angela N. Wilson,— sick leave.

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. Galvin of Canton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then 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.*

A Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Barre as the Howard W. Dahart Memorial Bridge (Senate, No. 2034) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Barre,—  
Dahart  
Bridge.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2049) of James B. Eldridge, Jennifer E. Benson and Robert S. Hargraves (by vote of the towns of Ayer, Harvard and Shirley) for legislation to authorize the Devens Enterprise Commission to grant a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional licensure.

Ayer,  
Harvard and  
Shirley,—  
liquor  
license.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Ms. Walz of Boston, for the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3661) of Walter F. Timilty relative to the use of bond funds for certain private school construction projects,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

School  
construction  
projects.

By Ms. Malia of Boston, for the committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 747) of Robert A. O’Leary for legislation relative to Martha’s Vineyard Hospital,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Martha’s  
Vineyard  
Hospital.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence in the discharge of the joint committees.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 168) of Karyn E. Polito and others relative to adoption specialists,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Adoption  
specialists.

By Ms. Walz of Boston, for the committee on Education asking to be discharged from further consideration:

State  
universities.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 449) of Peter J. Koutoujian and others relative to establishing a state university system in the Commonwealth,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Higher Education.

Of the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 456) of Peter J. Koutoujian for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the safety of high school and college level cheerleading; and

High school  
cheerleading.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 513) of Kevin Hall for legislation to prohibit mental health or behavioral screening tests of children without the consent of parents or legal guardians,—

Behavioral  
screening.

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

By Mr. Torrisi of North Andover, for the committee on Higher Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of so much of the recommendations of the Department of the State Auditor (House, No. 3) as relates to financial requirements of business, correspondence, and trade schools (accompanied by bill, House, No. 6),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Education.

Business  
schools.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill to modernize the Board of Registration of Social Workers (House, No. 174).

Social  
workers,—  
registration.

By Mr. Finegold of Andover, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on House, No. 3066, a Bill regarding accountability of public utility companies (House, No. 4110).

Utility  
companies,—  
accountability.

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

By Mr. Spellane of Worcester, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jennifer Moniz, an employee of the Registry of Motor Vehicles (House, No. 4074). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Jennifer  
Moniz,—  
sick leave  
bank.

Subsequently, Mr. Kafka of Stoughton for said committee reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House. 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 Bill relative to betterments in the town of Dracut (House, No. 3833) be scheduled for consideration by the House. Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Dracut,—  
betterments.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sheila Ferreira, an employee of the Department of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 2046) (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.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Next  
sitting.

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

Representatives Dempsey of Haverhill, L'Italien of Andover and Stanley of West Newbury then moved that as a mark of respect to the memory of Francis J. Bevilacqua, a member of the House from Haverhill from 1959 to 1980, inclusive, the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-six minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.