

Tuesday, May 26, 2009.

Met according to adjournment at 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. Creedon of Brockton) congratulating Matthew Willett of Brockton upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout; Matthew Willett.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Guyer of Dalton) honoring Patricia Crosson for her contributions to higher education in the Commonwealth; and Patricia Crosson.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Smizik of Brookline) congratulating the third, fifth and sixth grade students at the Edward Devotion School in Brookline on their participation in the school's twenty-fifth annual JFK Essay and Poetry program; Brookline,—Edward Devotion School.

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

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill to improve the law relating to campaign finance, ethics and lobbying (House, No. 3856) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading) came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had insisted on its amendment (in which the House had non-concurred). Campaign finance, ethics and lobbying laws.

The bill bore the further endorsement that the Senate had concurred with the House in appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Berry, Joyce and Tarr had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate. Committee of conference.

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 Angelo M. Scaccia and others relative to designating a certain intersection on Turtle Pond Parkway in the Hyde Park district of the city of Boston Hyde Park,—Paul P. Loring Square.

as Paul P. Loring Square. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Koczera of New Bedford, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Behavior analysts.

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, Senate, No. 47) of Brian A. Joyce, John W. Scibak, Matthew C. Patrick, Tom Sannicandro and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the licensure of applied behavior analysts,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Foster children,— educational stability.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 41) of Anthony D. Gallucio, Karen E. Spilka, Thomas M. McGee, Susan C. Tucker and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to educational stability for foster children,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Education.

Children,— health care.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 54) of Thomas M. McGee, Danielle W. Gregoire, Martha M. Walz, John W. Scibak and other members of the General Court for legislation ensuring access to basic health care for children and young adults; and

Healthy behaviors,— promote.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 56) of Joan M. Menard for legislation to promote healthy behaviors,— and recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Public Health.

Nursing home residents.

By Ms. Wolf of Cambridge, for the committee on Elder Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3416) of Ruth B. Balsler and others for legislation to protect the interests and well being of residents in nursing homes, and long-term care facilities,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health.

Affordable housing.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 770) of Robert L. Hedlund, Bruce E. Tarr and James M. Cantwell for legislation relative to affordable housing built near wetlands;

Id.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 771) of Robert L. Hedlund, Bruce E. Tarr and James M. Cantwell for legislation relative to affordable housing use restrictions;

Id.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 772) of Robert L. Hedlund, James M. Cantwell and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to affordable housing built in historic districts; and

Id.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 773) of Robert L. Hedlund, Bruce E. Tarr and James M. Cantwell for legislation relative to tracking affordable housing projects;

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

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

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Nancy Morrison, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2048), 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.

Nancy Morrison,— sick leave bank.

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.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Geraldine Egan, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 4048, 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.

Geraldine Egan,— sick leave bank.

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.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to betterments in the town of Dracut (House, No. 3833), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bill.

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 ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Spellane of Worcester (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.