

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, May 27, 2010.

Met according to adjournment, at 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).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Gracious God, as we open this morning's legislative session we take a moment to turn our attention to You, Our Creator and to reflect on our own spiritual values and beliefs. We believe that as Our Creator You watch over and care for us at all times. We also believe that Your guidance enables us to make decisions and choices which are right and honorable. On Monday we will observe and celebrate a national holiday, Memorial Day. On Memorial Day we remember and honor the deceased members of our armed forces. As a nation we express our gratitude to our fallen heroes for their personal sacrifices as well as the sacrifices of their families. In celebrating civic and religious parades and services on Monday, may we also keep in mind and in our own personal prayers and thoughts all the deceased members of our armed forces.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

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.

Appointment to the Cranberry Equipment Station Board of Oversight.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Representative Canessa of New Bedford to the Cranberry Experiment Station Board of Oversight (established under Section 261 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1994) for the purpose of advising and assisting the President of the University of Massachusetts in the management of said Cranberry Experiment Station.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess, and introduced a group of students from the Ralph Talbot School in Weymouth. The students, who were accompanied by several teachers from the school and parent chaperones, were the guests of Representative Murphy of Weymouth and Senator Hedlund.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fagan of Taunton) congratulating Jonathan Ryan Souza on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Zachary E. Wirth. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fagan of Taunton) congratulating Zachary E. Wirth on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Fred Davis. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Keenan of Salem) congratulating Fred Davis on his inspiring service to Plummer Home and his steadfast commitment to philanthropy;

Adam Glick. Resolutions (filed by Representatives Linsky of Natick and Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Adam Glick on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Otis,—anniversary. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox) congratulating the town of Otis on its two hundredth anniversary;

Sonia Schreiber Weitz. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Speliotis of Danvers) recognizing Sonia Schreiber Weitz upon being honored as a Woman of Courage by Peabody's Temple Ner Tamid;

Miles Theodore Crawford, Jr. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Swan of Springfield) observing the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of founding the Zion Community Baptist Church and Pastoralship of Reverend Miles Theodore Crawford, Jr.; and

Struggle against racism. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Swan of Springfield and other members of the House) celebrating a milestone in the struggle against racism.

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

Annual and Special Reports.

Annual reports

Property and Casualty Initiative. Of the Property and Casualty Initiative, LLC (PCI) (under the provisions of subsection (e) of section 3 of Chapter 259 of the Acts of 1998) of its investments and certain activities during year 2009 [copies of said report forwarded by the Clerk to the House and Senate committees on Ways and Means and the joint committees on Revenue and Financial Services]; and

Life Insurance investment initiative. Of the financial condition of the Massachusetts Life Insurance Community Investment Initiative (under the provisions of Section 2 (e) of Chapter 259 of the Acts of 1998) for the calendar year 2008; Severally were spread upon the records of the House; and placed on file.

Petitions.

Chicopee,—term of mayor. Mr. Wagner of Chicopee presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4713) of Joseph F. Wagner, Thomas M. Petrolati and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Chicopee be authorized to increase the term of the mayor from two to four years; and the same was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Gas appliances. By Mr. Costello of Newburyport, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael A. Costello relative to the definition of gas appliances and the equipping of such appliances with automatic ignition devices.

By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Danielle W. Gregoire for legislation to further regulate the certification of real estate management companies.

By Ms. Hogan of Stow, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kate Hogan for legislation to designate a certain bridge over Route 495 in the town of Bolton as the Harold E. Brown, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kay Khan for legislation to establish a fund to provide services for victims of human trafficking.

By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Eugene L. O'Flaherty for legislation to make corrective changes to the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code.

By Representative Peterson of Grafton and Senator Eldridge, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of George N. Peterson, Jr., James B. Eldridge, Carolyn C. Dykema and Karyn E. Polito relative to the process of granting additional liquor licenses.

By Mr. Rogers of Norwood, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John H. Rogers for legislation to require the installation of carbon monoxide and natural gas detectors in certain buildings and structures in the Commonwealth.

Severally referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2031) of Christine E. Canavan, Mary E. Grant and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to patient care;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2069) of Viriato Manuel deMacedo, Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to establishing a nursing advisory board in the Commonwealth;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2086) of Kay Khan, Richard T. Moore and Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. for legislation to establish a nursing advisory board within the Executive Office of Health and Human Services;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3477) of Stephen Kulik, John W. Scibak and Anne M. Gobi for legislation to regulate restrictions on land used for farming under the public health law; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3912) of Ellen Story, Frank I. Smizik and others relative to the establishment of a nursing advisory board within the Executive Office of Health and Human Services;

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

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

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts Opportunity Rebuilding and Expansion Infrastructure Program (House, No. 337).

Waterfront
development.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing loans for waterfront development (House, No. 343).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 17G, to the House committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Job
creation.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on so much of House, No. 4490 as relates to sections 4 to 23, inclusive, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts growth capital corporation (House, No. 4705). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Franklin,—
charter.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Franklin (House, No. 4652) [Local Approval Received].

Millbury,—
bill
payment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill making a corrective change relative to the town of Millbury and payment of a certain bill (printed in House, No. 4684).

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

Orders of the Day.

Third
reading
bills.

House bills

Designating a certain road in the town of Uxbridge as the Benny Emerick's Road to Boston (House, No. 3182) (it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to the proper conservation of Muskeget Island (printed in House, No. 4613) (it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Relative to David Sennott and the Public Employees Retirement Administration and Commission (House, No. 4706).

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 Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.