

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, June 3, 2008.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.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:

God, Our Creator, we believe that You watch over and care for us at all times. We are grateful for Your personal interest in our total well-being and for our spiritual and material blessings. Teach us to use Your gifts to us in a thoughtful, productive and positive manner for our own benefit and for the common good. In this era of worldwide violence against innocent children and senior adults, help us, in our society, to continue our respect for each human person. Inspire us, as elected leaders, to organize and set our legislative agenda wisely, so that the needs of all will be met, even with our limited material resources.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of the 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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to providing the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth to finance production and preservation of housing for low and moderate income residents and certain other bonds and notes to be issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 4813) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, June 3.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

The following order (having been reported by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Labor and Workforce Development be granted until May 30, 2008, the time within which to report on current House document numbered 4569, relative to height and weight discrimination.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville, the order was considered forthwith.

Labor and
Workforce,
extension of
time for
reporting.

Pending the question on adoption of the order, in concurrence, Mr. Torrisi of North Andover moved to amend it by striking out the date "May 30" and inserting in place thereof the date "June 15".

The amendment was adopted.

The order, as amended, then also was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments.

Papers from the Senate.

General
Appropriation
Bill.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2009 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4701) came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2714.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville, the amendment was considered forthwith.

Committee of
conference.

The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives DeLeo, St. Fleur of Boston and deMacedo of Plymouth then were appointed as the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Economic
development.

The House Bill relative to the economic development of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4383) came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2590; and striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act relative to the further economic development of the Commonwealth."

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, the amendments were considered forthwith.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the House concur with the Senate in its amendments with a further amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4814; and the report was accepted.

The further amendment was adopted. The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendments, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

Marina Bay in
Quincy, MA.

A report of the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 49) of Michael W. Morrissey and Bruce J. Ayers for legislation authorizing and directing the director of the division of waterways to dredge the harbor area surrounding Marina Bay in Quincy, Massachusetts, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2724) of Michael W. Morrissey, Bruce J. Ayers, Ronald Mariano and A. Stephen Tobin (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Quincy to convey certain land; and

Quincy,
land
conveyance.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2725) of Michael W. Morrissey, Bruce J. Ayers, Ronald Mariano and A. Stephen Tobin (with the approval of the city council and mayor) for legislation relative to the city of Quincy Sewerage Rehabilitation Fund;

Quincy,
Sewerage
Fund.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

A petition of Michael W. Morrissey for legislation to establish a sick leave for Karen Fowles, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Karen
Fowles,
sick leave
bank.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2730) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, 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 Brian S. Dempsey for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Tracey Albrecht, an employee of the Trial Court. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Tracey
Albrecht,
sick leave.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill relative to medical examinations (House, No. 1048),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the discharge of the committee.

Medical
examinations.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the Bill requiring additional information to be included in an individual education program for a student with disabilities (Senate, No. 311);

Students,
disabilities.

Of the Bill relative to automobile insurers and appraisers (House, No. 1049);

Vehicle
appraisers.

Of the Bill regulating uniformed private security firms (House, No. 2371);

Uniformed
security firms.

Of the Bill relative to firefighter communication in buildings (House, No. 2373); and

Emergency
radio systems.

Of the Bill relative to MWRA employees (House, No. 3190);

MWRA,
privatization.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Ways and Means.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the Bill relative to smoke detector responsibility clarification (House, No. 2345); and

Of the Bill requiring the installation of automatic sprinklers in certain high rise condominium and cooperative buildings (House, No. 2377);

And recommending that the same severally be recommitted the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill regulating liquefied natural gas tanker import terminals, (House, No. 2383),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the reference.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following matters be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Increasing the number of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the city of Boston (Senate, No. 2358) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing the city of Melrose to issue pension funding bonds or notes (Senate, No. 2602)[Local Approval Received]; and

House bills

Further regulating exits in sports complexes (House, No. 1852);
Relative to issuing a license to carry firearms to law enforcement officers (House, No. 2285);

Further prohibiting discrimination in sober housing (House, No. 2297);

Requiring safety belts for passengers on public school buses (House, No. 2300);

Relative to confined space rescue services (House, No. 2374);
Relative to firefighter staffing (House, No. 2389);

Relative to public records (House, No. 3225);
To designate Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week (House, No. 3246);

Relative to disability placards (printed in House, No. 4220);

Exempting the school custodians in the town of South Hadley from the civil service law (House, No. 4419)[Local Approval Received];

Smoke detectors.
Sprinklers.

Natural gas tanker import terminals, regulate.

Boston, liquor licenses.

Melrose, pensions.

Sports complexes.
Firearms licenses.

Sober houses.

School buses.

Fire departments.
Ri

Industrial Accident Board.
Mitochondrial.

Handicapped placards.
South Hadley.

Relative to the granting of an easement by the town of Sharon (printed in House, No. 4738);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Gary Tuck, an employee of the Department of Revenue (House, No. 4754); and

To further protect children (House, No. 4811);
Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill relative to biomedical research (House, No. 4695) ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill with the same title (House, No. 4812). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling with the amendment pending.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Recommitted Bill to prevent the sharing of prescription data (House, No. 1005) ought to pass. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling with certain amendments previously recommended by the committee on Financial Services pending.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, Nos. 1019 and 3932, a Bill related to insurance accountability (House, No. 1019) ought to pass.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to health insurance premiums (House, No. 4689) ought to pass.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to promoting supplemental insurance coverage (House, No. 4690) ought to pass.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the licensure of health plans (House, No. 4692) ought to pass.

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

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

At a quarter after two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Sharon.

Gary Tuck, sick leave.

Children, protection.

Biomedical research.

Prescription data.

Health care claims.

Health insurance premiums.
Supplemental insurance coverage.

Health plans, licensure.

Next sitting.