

Monday, June 13, 2011.

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).

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.

Resolutions.

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

Steven James Dorsey.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford) congratulating Steven James Dorsey on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Mary Roy.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Levy of Marlborough) congratulating Mary Roy on the occasion of her retirement from the Marlborough Public Schools;

Neil Metcalf.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Smola of Palmer) honoring Neil Metcalf on the occasion of his retirement from Palmer Public Schools;

Helena Naglack.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Smola of Palmer) honoring Helena Naglack on the occasion of her retirement from Palmer High School; and

Ryan Joseph Quern.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Winslow of Norfolk) congratulating Ryan Joseph Quern of Norfolk, upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

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

Special Reports.

District Attorneys,—child abuse report.

An annual report of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (under the provisions of Section 20D of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) relative to the status of child abuse and neglect cases [copies of said report forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the joint committees on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities and the Judiciary];

Unemployment Trust Fund.

A monthly report of the Division of Unemployment Assistance (under the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the condition of the Commonwealth's Unemployment Trust Fund for May, 2011; and

M.C.I. Concord,—inspection.

A special report of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5, 20 and 21 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to an inspection of M.C.I. located in the town of Concord; Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Mr. Sullivan of Fall River presented a petition of David B. Sullivan, Michael J. Rodrigues and another (with approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Fall River be authorized to take control of a portion of Davol Street in said city; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Fall River,—Davol Street.

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. Walsh of Lynn, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill to improve the administration of state government and finance (Senate, No. 1940) (on Senate, No. 1905), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Government,—finances.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate No. 1934) of Bruce E. Tarr and Harriett L. Stanley (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Newbury to use certain fund balances for capital expenditures, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Newbury,—capital expenditure funds.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to the Northeast Solid Waste Committee, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Northeast Solid Waste Committee.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1938) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill providing for the abandonment of a certain Wakefield sewer easement (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1569, changed and amended) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Wakefield,—sewer easement.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House. Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Kafka, 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 Senate bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Christine Drew, —
Ipswich, —
land.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Christine S. Drew, an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 1925); and

Authorizing the transfer of certain parcels of land in the town of Ipswich (Senate, No. 1930);

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.

Public housing innovation program.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill relative to public housing innovation program (House, No. 375, changed in section 1, in line 44, by striking out the word "may" and inserting in place thereof the word "shall"; in section 3 by adding the following sentence: "In selecting these participating authorities, the department shall establish criteria that provides for representation of housing authorities having various characteristics, including both large and small housing authorities, housing authorities serving urban, suburban and rural areas, and housing authorities in various geographical regions throughout the commonwealth."; and in section 4 by adding the following sentence: "Before approving participation of additional housing authorities, the department shall meet with the advisory committee and recommend any changes that would improve the program." Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Matthew Robitaille, —
sick leave.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick bank for Matthew Robitaille (House, No. 3495). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, it was 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 following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Nantucket, —
land conveyance.

Approving the conveyance of property by the county of Nantucket (House, No. 568);

Nantucket planning commission.

Relative to amending the responsibilities of the Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission (House, No. 570);

Dennis, —
beach barriers.

Establishing a Barrier Beach Protection Stabilization Fund in the town of Dennis (House, No. 3258); and

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Emergency Measures.

Lakeville, —
James Warren Buzzell, Jr.
bridge.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Lakeville in honor of James Warren Buzzell, Jr. (see House, No. 1787, 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.

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 7 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Daniel Murphy, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 3250) 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.

Daniel Murphy, —
sick leave.

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 8 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robert P. Hanifin, an employee of the Trial Court (see House, No. 3397, amended) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town of Montague to grant a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 3311, amended); and

Bills enacted.

Authorizing the town of Northborough to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 3467, amended);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and it were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill authorizing the Norfolk County Commissioners to borrow money for the repair, renovation and construction, equipping and furnishing of buildings at Norfolk County Agricultural School in the town of Walpole (Senate, No. 1062, amended), 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, in concurrence.

Third reading bill.

House bills

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the city of Marlborough to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3344);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Toby Miller, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (House, No. 3473) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Michael W. Kaplon, an employee of the Department of Revenue (House, No. 3482);

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.

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.

At twenty-two minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.