

Thursday, June 16, 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).

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.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Galvin of Canton) congratulating Captain John Buckley on receiving the 2011 Public Safety Award from the Knights of Columbus Father John J. Flatley Council 2095 of Canton;

John
Buckley.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Galvin of Canton) congratulating Officer Robert Zepf, Jr. on receiving the 2011 Public Safety Award from the Knights of Columbus Father John J. Flatley Council 2095 of Canton;

Robert
Zepf, Jr.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Nyman of Hanover) congratulating the National Scoliosis Foundation on its observance of June 2011 as National Scoliosis Awareness Month; and

National
Scoliosis
Awareness
Month.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Verna Douglass on her one hundredth birthday;

Verna
Douglass.

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

Petition.

Mr. Linsky of Natick and Senator Spilka presented a joint petition (subject Joint Rule 12) of David Paul Linsky, Alice Hanlon Peisch and Karen Spilka (by vote of the town) that the town of Natick be authorized to grant certain licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Natick,—
alcoholic
beverages.

Paper from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill regarding families and children engaged in services (House, No. 3492), and recommending that the same be referred to the Senate committee on Ways and Means,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence, inasmuch as relates to the discharge of the joint committee.

Children,—
protection.

Reports of Committees.

Bow hunting. 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 Robert Panico relative to bow hunting. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Collective bargaining. By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1403) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and others relative to the sanctity of collective bargaining,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Service. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Nancy Whittier,— sick leave bank. By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Nancy Whittier (House, No. 3496), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Private schools. By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, Nos. 6 and 38, a Bill relative to oversight of private occupational schools (House, No. 3512). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Truro,— land. By Mr. Kane of Holyoke, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Truro to lease certain land to the town of Provincetown (House, No. 573) [Local Approval Received].

Clinton,— employment. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to updating local governance in the town of Clinton (House, No. 2330) [Local Approval Received].

Somerville,— Harris Park. By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the relocation of Harris Park in the city of Somerville (House, No. 3456) [Local Approval Received].

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

Emergency Measure.

Christine S. Drew,— sick leave bank. The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Christine S. Drew, an employee of the trial court (see Senate, No. 1925), 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 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Matthew Robitaille, an employee of the Bristol sheriff's office (House, No. 3495) (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.

Matthew Robitaille,— sick leave bank.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Pedone of Worcester moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the Bristol county sheriff's office, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3495, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an informal Session.