

Thursday, June 21, 2012.

Met at six minutes after 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. Jones of North Reading) recognizing the North Reading Boys' lacrosse team on winning the Cape Ann League 2012 Division III championship; and North Reading,—lacrosse team.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Day of West Boylston) congratulating John T. Gardiner on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of Worcester Comprehensive Education and Care; John T. Gardiner.

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.

Order.

The following order (filed by Mr. Scibak of South Hadley) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Service be granted until Tuesday, July 31, 2012, within which to make its final report on current House document numbered 3980, relative to public service matters. Public Service,—extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Scibak, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2316) of Michael O. Moore and Paul K. Frost (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt the position of chief of police to the town of Millbury from the civil service law, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service. Millbury,—police chief.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Benjamin B. Downing, Gailanne M. Cariddi and Tricia Farley-Bouvier for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Heidi A. Lennon, an employee of the Department of Children and Families, came from the Senate referred, under Heidi A. Lennon,—sick leave bank.

Heidi A. Lennon,—
sick leave
bank.

suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service. The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2319) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

College
textbooks,—
study.

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to reducing the costs associated with the purchase of college textbooks (House, No. 4060), ought to pass with amendments in line 12 by striking out the figures “13” and inserting in place thereof the figures “14”, in line 15 by striking out the figure “9” and inserting in place thereof the figures “10”, in line 20 by inserting after the word “commonwealth,” the following: “1 of whom shall be representatives of bookstores of higher education institutions of the commonwealth”. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling with the amendments pending.

Dedham
Westwood
water
district.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Bill granting creditable service to employees of the Dedham Westwood Water District (House, No. 4157), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

MassHealth,—
asset
transfers.

By Mr. Walsh of Lynn, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, No. 2083, a Bill relative to transfers of assets by MassHealth members (House, No. 4190) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Placement
of children.

By Mr. Walsh of Lynn, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill requiring child and parent involvement in permanency and placement planning (House, No. 61, changed), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4178).

Hospitals,—
breastfeeding.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the promotion of breastfeeding in hospitals (House, No. 1478), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4185).

Personal care
attendants.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to cueing and supervision in the PCA program (House, No. 2685), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4186).

Mental
health,—
outdoor
access.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill concerning the right of persons receiving services from programs or facilities of the Department of Mental Health to daily access to the outdoors (House, No. 4023), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4191).

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Brian J. Waldron, an employee of the Trial Court (see Senate, No. 2272), 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.

Brian J. Waldron,—
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 Senate Bill authorizing the conveyance of certain properties by the Melrose Housing Authority in the city of Melrose (Senate, No. 2234) (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; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

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 fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (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.