

Thursday, June 23, 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.

Message from the Governor.

Sherborn,— validate election.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to validating the Sherborn annual town election (House, No. 3526), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, June 22. The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Guests of the House.

Hopkinton,— Girl Scout Troop 2227.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced Girl Scout Troop 2227 from the town of Hopkinton, accompanied by Troop Leader Jennifer White. They were the guests of Representative Dykema of Holliston.

Resolutions.

Arthur Obermayer.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Khan of Newton and Balsler of Newton) congratulating Arthur Obermayer on the occasion of his eightieth birthday; and

Richard M. Stanley.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Torrisi of North Andover and Lyons of Andover) honoring Richard M. Stanley for his dedicated service as the Chief of Police in the town of North Andover;

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

Special Report.

Women's Correctional Center,— 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 the Western Massachusetts Regional Women's Correctional Center in the city of Chicopee, was placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3520) of William M. Straus (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Fairhaven to issue an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises; and

Fairhaven,— Lady J's, Inc.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3521) of William M. Straus (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Fairhaven to issue an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises;

Id.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

By Representative Costello of Newburyport and Senator Baddour, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3522) of Michael A. Costello and Steven A. Baddour (by vote of the town) relative to affordable housing in the town of Salisbury;

Salisbury,— affordable housing.

By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3523) of Jeffrey Sánchez (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the procurement and award of contracts for the construction, reconstruction, installation, demolition, maintenance or repair of any buildings by public agencies in the city of Boston;

Boston,— Bromley-Heath project.

Severally to the committee on Housing.

By Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Downing, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3524) of William Smitty Pignatelli and Benjamin B. Downing (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt the position of chief of the police department of the town of Tyringham from provisions of the civil service law; and

Tyringham,— police chief.

By Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Downing, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3525) of William Smitty Pignatelli and Benjamin B. Downing (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt a certain employee of the police department of the town of Tyringham from provisions of the civil service law;

Tyringham,— Rainsford Morehouse.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Ashe of Longmeadow and Senator Brewer presented a joint petition (subject Joint Rule 12) of Brian M. Ashe and Stephen M. Brewer for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kevin R. Byrne, Sr., an employee of the Trial Court; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Kevin R. Byrne, Sr.— sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the towns of Natick and Millville (House, No. 3389), 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 following:

Natick and Millville,— bridge names.

"SECTION 1. The portion of Speen street south of route 135 and north of Mill street and Pond street in the West Natick section of the town of Natick, including the Speen Street culvert Beaver Brook Dam at Fisk Pond under the care and control of the department of conserva-

Natick and Millville,— bridge names.

tion and recreation, shall be designated and known as the Silvano Anthony Melchiorri Bridge, in memory of Silvano Anthony Melchiorri, to honor his contributions as a veteran, firefighter, town meeting member, developer, musician and pillar of the town of Natick. The department of conservation and recreation shall erect and maintain a suitable marker bearing this designation in compliance with the standards of the department.

SECTION 2. Chapter 411 of the acts of 2008 is hereby amended by inserting, after the words 'John Dean', the following word 'Memorial'; and striking out the emergency preamble and inserting in place thereof the following emergency preamble:

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to designate a certain portion of road in the West Natick section of the town of Natick as the Silvano Anthony Melchiorri Bridge, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Linsky of Natick, the amendments (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted, in concurrence.

A Bill exempting Dimitri P. Karpouzis from the maximum age requirement for police officer in the town of Ashland (Senate, No. 1891) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports

Of the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill Senate, No. 1682) of Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to voluntary towing reform,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill Senate, No. 1686) of Marc R. Pacheco, Stephen Kulik, Kevin G. Honan and Patricia A. Haddad for legislation to provide funding for clean energy and energy efficiency measures for public schools,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1943) of Richard T. Moore and Ryan Fattman (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Bellingham to grant an additional license for the sale of alcohol. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1942) of Richard T. Moore and John V. Fernandes (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the civil service requirement for Antonio F. Dinis. To the committee on Public Service.

Ashland,— Dimitri P. Karpouzis.

Towing reform.

Schools,— clean energy.

Bellingham,— alcoholic beverages.

Milford,— Antonio F. Dinis.

Reports of Committees.

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:

Authorizing an early retirement incentive program in the city of Taunton (Senate, No. 1886); and

Taunton,— retirement.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Louise D'Orsi, an employee of the Department of Transportation (Senate, No. 1933, amended);

Louise D'Orsi,— sick leave.

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.

By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on petition, a Bill providing for burial benefits under the workers' compensation act (House, No. 1406). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Burial benefits.

By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, Nos. 1851 and 1989, a Bill improving lobster laws (House, No. 1851).

Lobster traps.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relocating certain harbor lines in the Fairhaven and New Bedford harbors (House, No. 3402).

Fairhaven and New Bedford.

By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to the fair distribution of gratuities (House, No. 2294).

Gratuities.

By Mr. Kane of Holyoke, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to Tisbury water supply system (House, No. 566) [Local Approval Received].

Tisbury,— water system.

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

Order.

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

Next sitting.

At twenty-two minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (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.