

Thursday, July 7, 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:

Drue and Lorraine Davis.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Calter of Kingston) congratulating Drue and Lorraine Davis on the occasion of their seventieth wedding anniversary;

Richard Mackey.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Miceli of Wilmington and Adams of Andover) commemorating the retirement of Chief Richard Mackey of Tewksbury; and

Dante Pasquale Francomano.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Winslow of Norfolk) congratulating Dante Pasquale Francomano 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 Mr. Henriquez of Boston, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Schools,—media literacy.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1956) of Katherine M. Clark for legislation concerning media literacy in schools. To the committee on Education.

Volunteer ambulance service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1957) Benjamin Downing for legislation relative to volunteer ambulance service. To the committee on Public Health.

Solar energy generation.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1958) Benjamin Downing for legislation relative to solar energy generation. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Reports of Committees.

MBTA,—health insurance.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Public Service, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3494) of Nick Collins, Martin J.

Walsh and Tackey Chan relative to the jurisdiction of the Group Insurance Commission over health insurance coverage for employees and retirees of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority,— 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.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill designating the Barre Falls Wildlife Management Area as the Stephen Drawbridge Wildlife Management Area (Senate, No. 326); and

Drawbridge Wildlife Area.

House bills

To reform and improve alimony (printed as Senate, No. 665); Relative to Tisbury water supply system (House, No. 566) [Local Approval Received];

Alimony. Tisbury.

Authorizing the town of Truro to lease certain land to the town of Provincetown (House, No. 573) [Local Approval Received]; and

Truro,—land.

Authorizing the town of Norwood to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages (House, No. 973) [Local Approval Received];

Norwood,—liquor license.

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 Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill to define further teacher for retirement purposes (House, No. 710).

Teacher,—definition.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the New Bedford Police Association (House, No. 1590).

New Bedford Police.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill pertaining to retirement boards (House, No. 1639) [Representative Brownsberger of Belmont, dissenting].

Retirement boards.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing an early retirement incentive program in the city of Taunton (see Senate, No. 1886) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

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 twenty-nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (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.