

Thursday, July 9, 2009.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with 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).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Gracious God in Whom we place our confidence and trust, at the beginning of today's legislative session we focus our attention and our thoughts on You, spiritual values and on our own personal priorities. In Your goodness help us to keep our personal and legislative goals in clear perspective as we listen to and evaluate the rightful concerns of constituents and colleagues. As we try to address the matters at hand in a reasoned but critical manner. Inspire us to be fair, ethical and just in making our choices. When we disagree with constituents and associates on issues, even the most sensitive, teach us to respect the views and rights of others in our discussions and dialogues. May we remain true and faithful to our ideals, traditional values and principles which are guaranteed by our state and federal constitutions.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

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:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vallee of Franklin) recognizing Helen L. Carberry on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday;

Helen L. Carberry. Somerville,— All-America award.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Provost of Somerville, Toomey of Cambridge and Sciortino of Medford) congratulating the city of Somerville on receiving the National Civic League's 2009 All-America City Award; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Turner of Dennis) congratulating Alexander Lloyd Gleason for receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Alexander Lloyd Gleason.

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

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred, as follows:

Salem,—
Green Land
Cafe.
By Mr. Keenan of Salem, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1890) of John D. Keenan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to authorizing the city of Salem to grant a liquor license to Green Land Cafe, LLC;

Westborough,—
liquor license.
By Ms. Polito of Shrewsbury, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1891) of Karyn E. Polito and others (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Westborough to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises;

Id.
By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1892) of Karyn E. Polito (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Westborough to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises to Spyro Economou d/b/a/ Westborough House of Pizza; and

North
Andover,—
license
holder
fines.
By Mr. Torrisi of North Andover, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1898) of David M. Torrisi and others (by vote of the town) that the town of North Andover be authorized to impose fines to license holders for violations of rules or regulations;

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

North
Andover,—
recall
elections.
By Mr. Torrisi of North Andover, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1893) of David M. Torrisi and others (by vote of the town) relative to the recall of elective officers in the town of North Andover. To the committee on Election Laws.

Douglas,—
administrator,
etc.
By Representative Kujawski of Webster and Senator Moore, joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1894) of Paul Kujawski and Richard T. Moore (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a town administrator and a municipal finance department in the town of Douglas;

Nantucket,—
board of
health.
By Representative Madden of Nantucket and Senator O'Leary, joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1895) of Timothy Madden and Robert A. O'Leary (by vote of the town) that the town of Nantucket be authorized to establish a separate board of health;

Framingham,—
limited town
meetings.
By Representative Sannicandro of Ashland and Senator Spilka, joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1896) of Tom Sannicandro, Karen E. Spilka and Pam Richardson (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a limited town meeting form of government in the town of Framingham;

North
Andover,—
spending
limits.
By Mr. Torrisi of North Andover, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1897) of David M. Torrisi and others (by vote of the town) relative to removing certain spending limits in the town of North Andover;

North
Andover,—
special
meetings.
By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1899) of David M. Torrisi and others (by vote of the town) relative to the distribution of the simplified rules of procedure for special town meetings in the town of North Andover;

North
Andover,—
warrant
distribution.
By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1900) of David M. Torrisi and others (by vote of the town) relative to the distribution of copies of the warrant in the town of North Andover;

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1901) of David M. Torrisi and others (by vote of the town) relative to the conduct of public hearings on capital improvements plans in the town of North Andover; and

North
Andover,—
improvement
hearings.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1902) of David M. Torrisi and others (by vote of the town) relative to conservation restrictions on land known as "Town Farm" in the town of North Andover;

North
Andover,—
"Town
Farm".

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Mr. Conroy of Wayland, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1903) of Thomas P. Conroy (by vote of the town) relative to real estate taxes in the town of Wayland; and

Wayland,—
property
taxes.

By Representative Sannicandro of Ashland and Senator Spilka, joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1904) of Tom Sannicandro and Karen E. Spilka (by vote of the town) relative to property tax exemptions in the town of Ashland based on household income limits.

Ashland,—
property
taxes.

Severally to the committee on Revenue.
Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill relative to the Leino Park Water District (Senate, No. 2068) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Leino Park
Water
District.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Margaret Freddie Purcell, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (see House, No. 4080, 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.

Margaret
Freddie
Purcell,—
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 4 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 Senate 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 a quarter 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 Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.