

Wednesday, July 13, 2011.

Met sooner than the time of adjournment, at four minutes before one o'clock P.M., 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.

Joint Session of the Two Houses to Consider Specific Amendments to the Constitution.

Joint session.

At one o'clock P.M., the two Houses met in

JOINT SESSION

and were called to order by the Honorable Stanley C. Rosenberg, President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Without action on the matters duly and constitutionally assigned for consideration, on motion of Mr. Downing, at one minute past one o'clock P.M., the joint session was recessed until Wednesday, October 12, 2011; and the Senate withdrew from the House Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms

Communication.

Water Infrastructure Finance Commission.

A communication from the Water Infrastructure Finance Commission (pursuant to Section 145 of Chapter 27 of the Acts of 2009) submitting its initial report [copies of said communication forwarded to the House committee on Ways and Means and the joint committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture], was placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

Bullying law—implementation.

A report of the special commission established (pursuant to Section 18 of Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2010) relative to implementation of the school bullying law (House, No. 3584), was referred to the committee on Education. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. [Copies of said report forwarded to the House committee on Ways and Means and the joint committee on the Judiciary].

Commissioner of Banks.

The annual report of the Commissioner of Banks (pursuant to Section 13 of Chapter 167 of the General Laws) for the year 2010, was placed on file.

Petitions.

Westford—alcoholic beverages.

Mr. Arciero of Westford presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3583) of James Arciero (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Westford to issue two additional licenses

for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Messrs. O'Flaherty of Chelsea and Basile of Boston presented a petition (subject to Joint Rules 12 and 9) of Eugene L. O'Flaherty and Carlo Basile for legislation to exempt certain water dependent structures from certain harbor lines in Chelsea Creek; and the same was referred, under Rule 24 to the committee on Rules.

Chelsea Creek,—harbor lines.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill relative to economic development in the North Point area of the city of Cambridge (Senate, No. 1955) (on Senate, No. 1945); passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Cambridge,—North Point.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Francisco Delgado, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 1898) (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.

Francisco Delgado,—sick leave.

A petition (accompanied by bill Senate, No. 1961) of Michael O. Moore and Paul K. Frost (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Millbury to issue an additional liquor license, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Millbury,—alcoholic beverages.

Reports of Committees.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Eugene L. O'Flaherty for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Debra Callinan, an employee of the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea;

Debra Callinan,—sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Ronald Mariano, Louis L. Kafka and Bruce J. Ayers for legislation to continue the provision of supplemental health insurance to municipal employees;

Municipal,—supplemental health insurance.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Public Service, on Senate, No. 1335 and House, Nos. 677 and 1625, a Bill providing health insurance coverage to the surviving children of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty (House, No. 677) [Representatives Rosa of Leominster, Brownsberger of Belmont and Aguiar of Fall River dissenting]. Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Health insurance,—surviving children.

Smart
Growth
Fund.

By Ms. Forry of Boston, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on a petition, a Bill relative to financing the Smart Growth Housing Trust Fund (House, No. 990).

MCAS,—
appeals.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to the MCAS appeals process (House, No. 164, changed in line 2 by striking out the words "adding the following sentence" and inserting in place thereof the following: "inserting after the word 'teachers,' in line 68 the following"; and by adding the following sentence: "Such notification shall be included in any written notification to parents and guardians of students related to performance on the tenth grade assessment.").

MCAS,—
non-public
access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1933, a Bill relative to non-public school students access to the MCAS exam (House, No. 3582).

Life
insurance,—
settlements.

By Mr. Costello of Newburyport, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 1203 and 2069, a Bill relative to life settlements and stranger originated life insurance (House, No. 3573).

Survivor
allowance.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Public Service, on Senate No. 1334 and House, Nos. 676, 689, 1624, 1658 and 2955, a Bill relative to survivor allowance (House, No. 1624).

Officers of
the court.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the officers of the court (House, No. 1630).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Kayak
safety.

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to kayak safety (House, No. 664).

Woburn,—
public
ways.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to the acceptance of streets as public ways in the city of Woburn (House, No. 912) [Local Approval Received].

Bolton,—
bridge.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Bolton as the Harold E. Brown Jr. memorial bridge (House, No. 1791).

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

Engrossed Bill.

Bill
enacted.

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

Orders of the Day.

Third
reading
bill.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for James Dupont, and employee of the Department of Revenue (Senate, No. 1910, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Norwood to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages (House, No. 973) (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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

Order.

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

Next
sitting.

At twelve minutes after one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.