

Thursday, July 16, 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:

God, Our Creator, the Ultimate Source of Truth and Forgiveness, we open our hearts and minds to You, Your ways and values as we begin today's legislative session. We try to the best of our ability to address, with Your assistance, the items which come before us on this day and every day. We also look to You for the wisdom and the courage to select the right, reasonable and ethical legislative and administrative options. As elected leaders, to serve the best interests of our constituents and communities, we pray for an open but critical mind, a sensitive and understanding heart, and a sensitive and sympathetic spirit. In these uneasy and difficult times in the nation and in our diverse communities, inspire us to meet today's challenges with a positive, creative and hopeful attitude for the future.

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. Guyer of Dalton) congratulating Bennie Madigan on the occasion of her one hundredth and tenth birthday; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Nyman of Hanover) congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph William Childs on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary;

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. McMurtry of Dedham, 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 follow:

By Representative Greene of Billerica and Senator Donnelly, joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1918) of William G. Greene, Jr., and Kenneth J. Donnelly (by vote of the town) relative to establishing a special account for the town of Billerica water conservation fund;

Uxbridge,—
cable peg
access fund.

By Representative Kujawski of Webster and Senator Richard T. Moore, joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1919) of Paul Kujawski and Richard T. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Uxbridge to establish a cable peg access enterprise fund;

Whitman,—
treasurer-
collector.

By Representative McCarthy of East Bridgewater and Senator Kennedy, joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1920) of Allen J. McCarthy and Thomas P. Kennedy (by vote of the town) relative to establishing the office of treasurer-collector for the town of Whitman; and

Cambridge,—
Energy
Alliance
agreements.

By Toomey of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1916) of Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., and others (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Cambridge be authorized to enter into agreements with Cambridge Energy Alliance for the provision of municipal energy advisory services;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Norwood,—
special
police.

By Mr. Rogers of Norwood, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1917) of John H. Rogers (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Norwood. To the committee on Public Service.

Williamstown,—
library
trustees.

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1921) of Daniel E. Bosley (by vote of the town) relative to increasing the membership of the library board of trustees in the town of Williamstown. To the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred, as follow:

Kathleen E.
Harvey,—
retirement.

By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James M. Cantwell that the teachers' retirement system provide creditable service for retirement purposes to Kathleen E. Harvey for certain work performed at Framingham State College.

Betty
Green,—
sick leave
bank.

By Mr. Rodrigues of Westport, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael J. Rodrigues for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Betty Green, an employee of the Department of Revenue.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Kathleen
Ginn,—
sick leave
bank.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kathleen Ginn, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (Senate, No. 2089) (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.

Students,—
health
insurance.

A report of the committee on Higher Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 609) of Richard T. Moore for legislation relative to the qualifying student health insurance program, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing,—accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Moran of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill validating a certain vote passed by the town of Foxborough (printed in House, No. 4161). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Foxborough,—
election
vote.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, then reported recommending that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Basile of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, ought not to pass on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 245) of Robert F. Fennell relative to food allergy awareness training for restaurant employees. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Restaurant
employees.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tanya M. Dubois, an employee of the Trial Court (see House, No. 1683, 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.

Tanya M.
Dubois,—
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 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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-three 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.