

Thursday, August 4, 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).

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. Pledge of allegiance.

Appointments of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had made the following appointments:

That Representative Winslow of Norfolk had been appointed to the special commission established (under Section 189 of Chapter 68 of the Acts of 2011) for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to the Commonwealth's criminal justice system; and Criminal justice system.

That Representative Diehl of Whitman had been appointed to the special commission established (under Section 175 of Chapter 68 of the Acts of 2011) to make an investigation and study relative to home mortgage refinancing assistance to non-delinquent homeowners. Mortgage refinancing,— assistance.

Guests of the House.

During the session the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced students from grades 2 through 6, inclusive, of the 21st Century Program at the Garfield School in Revere. They were the guests of Speaker DeLeo of Winthrop and Representative Reinstein of Revere. Revere,— Garfield School.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Durant of Spencer) congratulating Bill Vangos of Charlton upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout; Bill Vangos.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Dykema of Holliston) honoring Spyros Mercouris on the occasion of his visit to the Massachusetts State House; Spyros Mercouris.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Gobi of Spencer and Petrolati of Ludlow) recognizing Roger Pyzocha for his long-standing commitment to sports enthusiasts of the Commonwealth; and Roger Pyzocha.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Murphy of Burlington) congratulating Massachusetts Hospital Association for seventy-five years of outstanding and dedicated service to the Commonwealth; Hospital Association.

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 Ms. Reinstein of Revere, 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:

Revere,— preliminary election.
By Ms. Reinstein of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3655) of Kathi-Anne Reinstein (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to eliminate the preliminary election in the city of Revere in 2011. To the committee on Election Laws.

Revere,— city clerk.
By Ms. Reinstein of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3656) of Kathi-Anne Reinstein (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the term of office of the city clerk of the city of Revere; and

Braintree,— recreational facility.
By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3660) of Brian A. Joyce and Mark James Cusack (with the approval of the mayor and town council) that the town of Braintree be authorized to enter into certain contracts for the construction and maintenance of a recreational facility in said town;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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Westwood,— justice of the peace.
By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry for legislation to authorize the Governor to designate an additional justice of the peace in the town of Westwood.

Marjorie Pettoruto,— sick leave.
By Representative Stanley of West Newbury and Senator Baddour, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Harriett L. Stanley for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Marjorie Pettoruto, an employee of the Department of Transportation.

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

Paper from the Senate.

Sandwich Economic Initiative Corporation.
A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1928) of Therese Murray and Randy Hunt (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the Sandwich Economic Initiative Corporation (having been returned to the Senate by the State Secretary, under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the General Laws with memoranda relative thereto) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Community Development and Small Business.

Reports of Committees.

Chelsea Creek,— harbor lines.
By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rules 12 and 9 be suspended on the petition of Eugene L. O'Flaherty and Carlo Basile for legislation to exempt certain water dependent structures from certain harbor lines in Chelsea Creek. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rules 12 and 9 were suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Shawn T. Sawyer,— sick leave bank.
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 petition of Thomas J. Calter for

legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Shawn T. Sawyer, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

Authorizing the town of Norton to grant easements and restrictions over certain town-owned land (House, No. 3431) [Local Approval Received];

Norton,— easements.

Authorizing the board of selectmen in the town of West Tisbury to issue licenses for the sale of beer and wine in restaurants, inns and hotels and to issue one day liquor licenses for events (House, No. 3454) [Local Approval Received];

West Tisbury,— liquor licenses.

Relative to the geographic limits of Fire District Two in the town of South Hadley (House, No. 3485) [Local Approval Received]; and

South Hadley,— fire district.

Relative to the issuance of an all alcohol beverage license in the city of Easthampton (House, No. 3639) [Local Approval Received];

Easthampton,— 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 enabling the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to make payments of wages and benefits to deceased employees or deceased former employees (House, No. 1623).

Water authority,— deceased workers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to reinstatement (House, No. 1656).

Retirees,— reinstatement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the oversight of disability pension benefits (House, No. 2426).

Disability oversight.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to clarify leave under Chapter 41: 111F (House, No. 3181).

Municipalities,— leave without pay.

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

By Ms. Wolf of Cambridge, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the establishment of senior citizen safety zones (House, No. 1968).

Senior safety zones.

By Mr. Kane of Holyoke, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the town of Burlington representative town meeting form of government (House, No. 3501) [Local Approval Received].

Burlington,— town meeting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to amend the home rule charter of the city of Easthampton (House, No. 3505) [Local Approval Received].

Easthampton,— charter.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (House, No. 2943) [Representative Brownsberger of Belmont dissenting].

Firefighters,— uniforms.

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

*Orders of the Day.*Third
reading
bill.

The Senate Bill exempting Joseph Walklett from the maximum age requirement for appointment as a firefighter in the city of Malden (Senate, No. 1924), 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.

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House bills
 Authorizing the town of Truro to lease certain land to the town of Provincetown (House, No. 573); and
 Establishing a sick leave bank for Gina Rossi, an employee of the Parole Board (House, No. 3574) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);
 Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Order.*Next
sitting.

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.

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Humason of Westfield (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.