

Monday, August 6, 2007.

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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield) honoring Elmer C. Bartels for 30 years of outstanding public service; and Elmer C. Bartels.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rush of Boston) congratulating Brian O'Donovan and the Irish Cultural Centre of New England upon the seventeenth annual Irish Connections Festival; Brian O'Donovan.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, 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. Rogeness of Longmeadow, 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.

A Bill relative to the disability retirement of Neil Sullivan, a firefighter for the city of Melrose (Senate, No. 2241, amended in section 3 by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: "In the event that both Neil Sullivan and his wife Jessica, die, the payments provided for by this act shall be payable, in equal shares, to each child under the age of 18 years; provided, however, that payments shall continue for the benefit of a child 18 years or older who is physically or mentally incapacitated for work on a permanent basis, or for the benefit of a child under age 22 who is a full time student.") (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Melrose,—firefighter Neil Sullivan.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1413) of Pamela Resor, Peter J. Koutoujian, Joyce A. Spiliotis, David P. Linsky and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the enhancement of public safety, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. Public safety,—enhancement.

Reports of Committees.

Agricultural
restrictions,—
study.

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, No. 871, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning the funding for the purchase of agricultural preservation restrictions (House, No. 4207). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of said order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Emergency Measure.

Regional
school
budgets.

The engrossed Bill relative to the regional school budget process (see House, No. 586, changed), 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.

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 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill
enacted.

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 sent to the Senate.

Engrossed Bills.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Donna Towner, an employee of the Trial Court Department (see House, No. 4114) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Id.

The engrossed Bill establishing appointed positions of district clerk and district treasurer for the Bernardston Fire and Water District (see Senate, No. 1198) (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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

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At twenty-nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Sullivan of Fall River (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.