

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, August 7, 2008.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Scaccia of Boston 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:

Prayer.

Eternal God, we offer this prayer of thanksgiving to You for our many daily material blessings and spiritual gifts. As the formal sessions of this legislative year have concluded, we thank You for Your guidance and direction in our effort to serve You and constituents in a faithful, thoughtful and honorable manner. In carrying out our responsibilities, we are grateful for our freedoms, personal, political and religious, which allow us to disagree on issues and public policy in a respectful, mature, intelligent and civil manner. May we continue to recognize and respect the basic constitutional rights of all individuals in our Commonwealth and nation in this age of worldwide violence against innocent people.

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

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Scaccia), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor — Bill Returned with Recommendation of Amendment.

Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair,—

SELI life insurance.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill relative to savings bank life insurance [see House, No. 949] (for message, see House, No. 5062) was filed this day in the office of the Clerk.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was thereupon "before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment".

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by His Excellency, the bill was referred, on motion of Mr. Golden of Lowell, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Messages from the Governor — Vetoes.

Sharon Easter, sick leave.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sharon Easter, an employee of the Department of Correction [see House, No. 4209, amended] (for message, see House, No. 5063) was filed this day in the Office of the Clerk.

The message was read; and, under House Rule 12, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session, the question being on passing said bill notwithstanding the said objections. Waltham, property lease.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill relative to the leasing of certain property in the city of Waltham [see House, No. 5015] (for message, see House, No. 5064) was filed this day in the Office of the Clerk.

The message was read; and, under House Rule 12, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session, the question being on passing said bill notwithstanding the said objections.

Appointments of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Messrs. Atsalis of Barnstable and Smizik of Brookline to the Ocean Advisory Committee (established pursuant to Chapter 114 of the Acts of 2008). Ocean Advisory Committee.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater) recognizing Daniel Ellery Rose for his exemplary commitment to raising funds for cancer research and performing in the 2008 Pan-Mass Challenge, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules. Daniel Ellery Rose.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Walrath of Stow, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Paper from the Senate.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:—

August 5, 2008.

Honorable Salvatore F. DiMasi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Room 356 State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Richard R. Tisei, Senate Minority Leader, has announced his appointment of Senator Michael R. Knapik to the Winter Energy Costs Task Force, established (pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Resolves of 2008) to make an investigation and study of the establishment of a cranberry heritage area. Winter Energy Costs Task Force, Senate appointment.

Respectfully submitted,
William F. Welch
Clerk of the Senate

*Reports of Committees.*Nomination
papers,
study.

By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, for the committee on Election Laws, on House, No. 4889, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Election Laws to make an investigation and study of House document numbered 4889, concerning nomination signature requirements in the city of Boston (House, No. 5058).

Municipali-
ties, study.

By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, Nos. 4834 and 4836, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning the town of Andover and the town of Stockbridge (House, No. 5059).

Arlington
Redevelopment
Board,
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4939, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of a certain House document numbered 4939 concerning the Arlington Redevelopment Board (House, No. 5060).

Severally 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, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of said orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

Everett,
charter
commission.

By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to the city of Everett (House, No. 4762) [Local Approval Received].

Dedham,
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to amend the charter of the town of Dedham to clarify the method of organizing town agencies (House, No. 4877) [Local Approval Received].

Upton,
town
manager.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the office of town manager in the town of Upton (House, No. 4975) [Local Approval Received].

Paxton,
public safety
complex.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the town of Paxton (House, No. 4984) [Local Approval Received].

Needham,
parking
fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on the joint petition, a Bill relative to the establishment of the Needham center off-street parking fund (House, No. 5000) [Local Approval Received].

Pepperell,
Devens
Enterprise
Zone.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a joint petition, a Bill including the town of Pepperell within the Ayer economic target area and economic opportunity area (House, No. 4986).

Sgt. Anthony
Annino Bridge.

By Mr. Wagner of Chicopee, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Medford as the Sergeant Anthony P. Annino Bridge (House, No. 4962).

Veterans
spouses,
plates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill for surviving spouses of veterans (House, No. 4998).

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill relative to school district accountability (see House, No. 4967, 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.

School
districts.

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 sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.*Engrossed Bills.**Engrossed bills*

Designating certain land in the towns of Acton and Concord for conservation, agriculture, open space and recreational purposes (see Senate, No. 38, amended);

Further regulating employment contracts for school principals (see Senate, No. 273, amended);

To improve dropout prevention and reporting of graduation rates (see Senate, No. 2766, amended);

Relative to the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (see Senate, No. 2793);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.**House bills*

Relative to the appointment of certain persons to the police and fire department of the city of Malden (House, No. 3974); and

Third
reading
bills.

Exempting the position of police captain in the town of Hudson from the provisions of the civil service law (House, No. 4777);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

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

Next
sitting.

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At half past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.