

Monday, August 8, 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.

Messages from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to validating the actions taken at certain elections held in the town of Abington (House, No. 3664), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, August 4.

Abington,—
validate
elections.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to validating the actions taken at the June 7, 2011 annual town meeting held by the town of North Andover (House, No. 3665), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, August 4.

North
Andover,—
validate
actions.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Christopher Lanoue, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 1341, amended in lines 6 and 7 by striking out the words "Department of Correction extended sick leave bank" and inserting in place thereof the words "extended sick leave bank", and in line 7 by striking out the word "may" and inserting in place thereof the word "shall") (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.

Christopher
Lanoue,—
sick leave
bank.

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

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

Reports of Committees.

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:

Ware,—
Scott
Lawrence. Exempting Scott Lawrence from maximum age requirement for applying for civil service appointment as a police officer in the town of Ware (House, No. 3464) [Local Approval Received]; and

Ware,—
Daniel J.
Clark. Exempting Daniel J. Clark from maximum age requirement for applying for civil service appointment as a police officer in the town of Ware (House, No. 3465) [Local Approval Received];

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.

Dementia,—
special
care. By Ms. Wolf of Cambridge, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on Senate, No. 284 and House, Nos. 181 and 347, a Bill relative to dementia patients in longterm care facilities (House, No. 347).

Children,—
influenza. By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to annual immunization against influenza for children (House, No. 582).

Hospitals,—
breastfeeding. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the promotion of breastfeeding in hospitals (House, No. 1478).

Lupus
Erythematosus. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish a Lupus Erythematosus study and registry (House, No. 1481).

Lung injury
registry. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a transfusion related acute lung injury registry (House, No. 1488).

Down
syndrome. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Down syndrome (House, No. 1528).

Hospitals,—
premature
infants. By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1083 and House, No. 2349, a Bill relative to premature infant hospital discharge and quality improvement (House, No. 2349).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Medical
examiners,—
release of
body. By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Public Health, on Senate, No. 1167 and House, No. 2350, a Bill relative to the release of a body by the medical examiner to a person charged with an offense which resulted in the death of the deceased (House, No. 2350).

Revere,—
special
police. By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing special police officers for the city of Revere (House, No. 3329) [Local Approval Received].

Watertown,—
special
police. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the town of Watertown (House, No. 3434) [Local Approval Received].

Burlington,—
civil
service. By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill exempting certain positions in the town of Burlington from the civil service law (House, No. 3488) [Local Approval Received].

Canton,—
deputy
police chief. By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Canton to remove the position of deputy police chief from civil service (House, No. 3506) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill exempting the position of inspector of buildings, also known as the building commissioner, of the town of Natick from the provisions of civil service laws (House, No. 3507) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill exempting the position of fire chief of the town of Natick from the provisions of civil service law (House, No. 3508) [Local Approval Received].

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Exempting Joseph Walklett from the maximum age requirement for appointment as a firefighter in the city of Malden (see Senate, No. 1924) (which originated in the Senate); and

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Bolton as the Harold E. Brown Jr. Memorial Bridge (see House, No. 1791) (which originated in the House);

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.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michael Jordan, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 3446) (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.

Order.

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

At thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.