

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, August 9, 2010.

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).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer. God, our Creator, in Whom we place our hope and trust, we open this morning's legislative session with a prayer in which we turn our thought to You and to spiritual values. We believe that You and Your assistance enable us to make right and reasoned decisions and at the same time give meaning to our daily lives and actions. We are grateful for the beautiful summer season during which we have the time to relax and to spend time with family, friends and neighbors. During these uneasy and uncertain times, may our hearts and minds be filled with Your peace and love. As we gather with constituents, inspire us to build confidence in each other and our state and federal constitutions. Teach us to work together so that the people in our diverse communities will enjoy a bright, prosperous and safe future.

Bestow Your blessings on the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance. 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.

Charles Ashe. Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Linsky of Natick, Richardson of Framingham, Peisch of Wellesley, Sannicandro of Ashland, Dykema of Holliston and Conroy of Wayland) honoring Chief Probation Officer Mr. Charles Ashe on the occasion of his retirement from the Framingham District Court, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for said committee, reported, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Sciortino of Medford, 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.

North Adams,— E. John Morocco. A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2601) of Benjamin B. Downing and Daniel E. Bosley (by vote of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of North Adams to continue employment of Public Safety Commissioner E. John Morocco, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on House, Nos. 2729, 3612, 4490 (as relates to section 3) and 4654, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents (House, No. 4974). Revenue committee,— study.

Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently, Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the 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.

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

Protecting victims of unlicensed debt collection activity (Senate, No. 132); Debt.

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Mansfield as the Sergeant Douglas Weddelton memorial bridge (Senate, No. 2528); and Weddelton bridge.

Relative to compliance with reserve requirements of life insurers (Senate, No. 2542); and Insurance,— reserves.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Edward Driscoll (House, No. 4947); Edward Driscoll.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of the same member, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill relative to a lien for architects, engineers, land surveyors and site professionals (Senate, No. 2512, amended) be scheduled for consideration by the House, with the amendments previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means,— that the bill be amended by inserting after section 1 the following section:

“SECTION 1A. Said section 2A of said chapter 254, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 9, the word ‘two’ and inserting in place thereof the words:— 2, 2C and 2D.”; and in section 2, in line 72, by striking out the word ‘prime’,— pending.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendments recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill relative to the public health enterprise fund in the town of Stoughton (see House, No. 4852) (which originated in the House), 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. Bill enacted.

*Orders of the Day.*Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Milford to issue an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4936), 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. 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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Mr. Nangle of Lowell then moved that as a mark of respect to the memory of Edward A. LeLacheur, a member of the House from Lowell from 1975 to 1998, inclusive, the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed.

At nineteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (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.