

Monday, August 13, 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).

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

God, Our Creator, in Whom we place our trust and hope, at the beginning of this new week we look to You for guidance and direction. Your help enables us to make the right choices and decisions in addressing both legislative and personal matters which we face daily. We also pray for the wisdom to comprehend and to understand more clearly the often complex and emotional issues of these times. As we live each day and face our personal responsibilities, inspire us to remain faithful to Your ways, values and precepts as we try to meet the needs of the people and the communities which we represent.

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

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.

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

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Belmont to establish another postemployment benefits trust fund [see House, No. 1441] (for message, see House, No. 4211) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Monday, August 6.

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.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset and other members of the House) congratulating Dr. David P. Driscoll on the occasion of his retirement;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Jonathan Edward Black on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Zachary Richard Patterson.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Zachary Richard Patterson on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

George Watson.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Turner of Dennis and Atsalis of Barnstable) congratulations to George Watson on the occasion of his retirement;

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 Mr. Sullivan of Fall River, 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.*

Reports

Of the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the following petitions:

Lead poisoning.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1230) of Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation to protect children from lead poisoning; and

Id.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1231) of Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation to protect children from lead poisoning;

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

Holyoke Power and Electric Company.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2315) of Michael R. Knapik and Michael F. Kane for legislation relative to restricting the authority of the Holyoke Power and Electric Company and the Holyoke Water Power Company (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 Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Plastics,— manufacturing.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Jennifer L. Flanagan and Robert A. Antonioni relative to the disposition of molds, dies and forms used in the manufacture of plastics. To the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

Michael Antonucci,— sick leave.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Jennifer L. Flanagan and Robert A. Antonioni for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Michael Antonucci, an employee of the Department of Correction. To the committee on Public Service.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Wolf of Cambridge, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the appointment of certain persons as firefighters in the city of Fall River (House, No. 4089) be scheduled for consideration by the House. Fall River,—  
fire fighters.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Sullivan of New Bedford, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Correia of Fall River, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on a petition, a Bill extending the Medicare part D safety net (House, No. 603). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing. Medicare  
part D.

*Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Savina J. Whitney, an employee of the Department of Social Services (see House, No. 4192, 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. Savina  
Whitney,—  
sick leave.

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 10 to 0. 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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next  
sitting.

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At seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow (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.