

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, August 14, 2006.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mrs. Haddad of Somerset 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, we pray for the wisdom and courage to address honorably and successfully the many, often complex, challenges and opportunities which we face each day. In Your goodness inspire us to make the right legislative and public policy decisions and choices which serve the reasonable and best interests of the people. As elected leaders teach us to be mindful, at all times, of the rights and human dignity of all people and the purpose for which You have created us.

Prayer.

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

At the request of the Chair (Mrs. Haddad), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

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 relative to the renewable energy portfolio standard [see House, No. 5090, amended] (for message, see House, No. 5268) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday August 10.

Renewable
energy.

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.

Message from the Governor — Veto.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill authorizing child care providers to negotiate jointly with the Department of Early Education and Care and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services [see House, No. 5257] (for message, see House, No. 5269) was filed in the Office of the Clerk on Thursday, August 10.

Child care
providers.

The message was read; and, it was placed, under House Rule 12, in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting.

Resolutions.

Gregory A.
Zandrow.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating Gregory A. Zandrow of Sharon on earning the rank of Eagle Scout of America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

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. Wolf of Cambridge, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Reports of Committees.

Devens
Regional
Enterprise
Zone.

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 petition of Robert S. Hargraves and others for legislation to place a certain non-binding question on the ballot in the current year in the towns of Ayer, Harvard and Shirley relative to the operation and administration of the Devens Regional Enterprise Zone. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Paulsen of Belmont, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Elephants,
treatment.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill further regulating the treatment of elephants (Senate, No. 2699),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Belmont,
post-
employment
fund.

By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5076) of Anne M. Paulsen and Steven A. Tolman (by vote of the town) that the town of Belmont be authorized to establish a post-employment benefits trust fund for former employees of said town,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Regional
transit
advisory
boards.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill requiring a disabled commuter representative on regional transit authority advisory boards (Senate, No. 2509) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Teahan of Whitman, the bill was read a second and (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) a third time forthwith; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jan O. Modzeleski, Sr., an employee of the Massachusetts Correctional Institute in Concord (Senate, No. 2640), amended ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Jan O.
Modzeleski,
Sr.,
sick leave.

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

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mrs. Teahan of Whitman, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill relating to the procurement and award of contracts for redeveloping a certain public housing project in the city of Boston (House, No. 5046)[Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Franklin Hill
Housing
Development.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill relative to the membership of the retirement board of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (see Senate, No. 2507, 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.

Water
Authority,
retirement
board.

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 5 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 Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Protecting certain real property in the city of Northampton (see House, No. 5127);

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the city of Fitchburg to abate certain taxes (see House, No. 5177); and

Authorizing the State Secretary to place an office on the state election ballot in the city known as the town of Watertown (see House, No. 5184);

(Which severally 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.

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.

At a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Wolf of Cambridge (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.