

Monday, August 15, 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).

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.

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

William Anglin.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Keenan of Salem) honoring Chief William Anglin on the occasion of his retirement; and

Andrew Reynolds.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Andrew Reynolds upon his elevation of the rank of Eagle Scout;

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, 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. Scibak of South Hadley, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petition.

Lawrence,— school age.

Mr. Devers of Lawrence presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3674) Marcos A. Devers and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to establish the maximum age for school attendance in the city of Lawrence; and the same was referred to the committee on Education. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Saugus,— town charter.

The House Bill relative to amending the charter of the town of Saugus (House, No. 3336), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contain in Senate document numbered 1991.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the amendment (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Shrewsbury,— civil service exemptions.

A Bill exempting certain positions in the town of Shrewsbury from the civil services law (Senate, No. 1937) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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:

Establishing a sick leave bank for Mark Deault, an employee of the Department of Transportation (House, No. 3642); and

Mark Deault,— sick leave.

To establish a sick leave bank for Grisel Caraballo, an employee of the Department of Revenue (House, No. 3662);

Grisel Caraballo,— sick leave.

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.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on Senate, No. 608 and House, No. 1557, a Bill promoting accessible housing for persons with disabilities (House, No. 3672). Read; and referred, under Rule 17G, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Housing,— accessibility.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to injured on duty benefits for environmental police officers (House, No. 726, changed in line 3 by striking the following: "111G" and inserting in place thereof the following: "111F½"). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Environmental police,— benefits.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to the tax expenditure budget (House, No. 2540, changed in section 1, in lines 7 to 12, inclusive, by striking out the paragraph contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

Tax expenditure budget.

"The commission shall be comprised of the Secretary of Administration and Finance or the Secretary's designee, who shall serve as chair; the State Auditor or the Auditor's designee; the State Treasurer and Receiver General or the Treasurer's designee; the Speaker of the House or the Speaker's designee; the Senate President or his or her designee; the Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee or his or her designee; the House and Senate chairs of the Joint Committee on Revenue or his or her designee; the House minority leader or his or her designee; the Senate minority leader or his or her designee; and two members of the governor's council of economic advisors, as designated by the governor, who shall have an expertise on economics or tax policy.").

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1695, a Bill to promote sales tax fairness for Main Street retailers (House, No. 3673).

Small businesses,— taxes.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

*Emergency Measure.*

Christopher  
Lanoue,—  
sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Christopher Lanoue, an employee of the Department of Correction (see Senate, No. 1341, 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.

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.

Bill  
enacted.

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.

*Engrossed Bill.*

Bill  
enacted.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Norwood to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages (see House, No. 973) (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.

*Orders of the Day.*

Third  
reading  
bill.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Canton to remove the position of deputy police chief from civil service (House, No. 3506) (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.*

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.

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At thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Palmer (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.