

Monday, August 20, 2012.

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.

Message from the Governor.

Transportation
bonds,—
terms.

A message from His Excellency the Governor for legislation to provide the terms of bonds authorized by Chapter 242 of the Acts of 2012 (House, No. 4399), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, August 16, 2012.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 17G, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Northampton,—
charter.

The House Bill reestablishing a charter for the city of Northampton (House, No. 4102), came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by said branch with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2416.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Kocot of Northampton, the amendment (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was considered forthwith.

Pending the question on concurring with the Senate in its amendment, Mr. O'Day of West Boylston moved that the House concur with the Senate amendment with a further amendment by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act revising the charter for the city of Northampton." The further amendment was adopted.

The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

Easthampton,—
liquor
license.

A Bill authorizing the city of Easthampton to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2294) (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. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules and the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Kevin Aguiar and Michael J. Rodrigues for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kathleen Rezendes, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance. Kathleen Rezendes,—sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kathleen Anno, an employee of the Department of Public Health. Kathleen Anno,—sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Martha M. Walz for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Noello Champoux-Olson, an employee of the Department of Youth Services. Noello Champoux-Olson,—sick leave.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

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

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

Senate bills

Authorizing the town of Rockport to grant a license for the sale of wines and malt beverages at a food store (Senate, No. 2239) [Local Approval Received]; Rockport,—liquor license.

Further regulating the position of chief of police in the town of Millbury (Senate, No. 2316) [Local Approval Received]; Millbury,—police chief.

Increasing the number of dental hygienists on the Board of Registration in Dentistry (Senate, No. 2328); and Dental hygienists.

Relative to housing rights for victims of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault and stalking (Senate, No. 2402); and Victims,—housing rights.

House bills

Relative to parental rights and child survivors of homicide (House, No. 454); and Homicide,—child survivors.

Relative to the intimidation of a witness statute (House, No. 3977); Witnesses,—intimidation.

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. Speliotis of Danvers, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 109, 114, 1011 and 2691, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning fairs, flea markets and pawn shops (House, No. 4400). Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure,—study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1019, 1020 and 1023, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of a certain House documents concerning consumer protection (House, No. 4401). Id.

By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, Nos. 222, 248, 250, 1131, 1143, 1154, 1171, 2748, 2755, 2756, 3117, 3118 and 3570, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning local issues (House, No. 4402). Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture,—study.

Environment,
Natural
Resources
and
Agriculture,—
study.

Severally 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, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Third
reading
bills.

Validating the actions taken at a certain election held in the town of Lincoln (printed in House, No. 4135);

Relative to the town of Marion open space acquisition commission (House, No. 4188) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to authorizing the board of selectmen of the town of Saugus to hire an auditing firm to conduct annual audits (House, No. 4315); and

Relative to the charter of the town of Westborough (House, No. 4211) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Northfield,—
recall
elections.

The Senate Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Northfield (Senate, No. 1959, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Mr. Mark of Peru moved to amend it in section 2, in lines 8 and 9, by striking out the following: "petition blanks demanding such recall containing space for the signatures of at least 5 times the number of signatures required below" and inserting in place thereof the words ", a sufficient number of copies of petition blanks requesting such recall".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 1959, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Next
sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty-seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.