

Monday, August 29, 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.

Message from the Governor.

Supplemental appropriations.

A message from His Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2011 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 3695), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, August 25, 2011.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred, as follows:

Melrose,—land conveyance.

By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3694) of Paul A. Brodeur (with the approval of the mayor and board of aldermen) relative to the transfer of certain properties from the housing authority of the city of Melrose to the affordable housing corporation of said city. To the committee on Housing.

Boston,—tax exemption filing deadline.

By Mr. Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3693) of Russell E. Holmes (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the date for filing of residential exemptions, personal exemptions and tax deferrals on residential real property in the city of Boston. To the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Bethany M. Tsiropoulos,—sick leave.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Bethany M. Tsiropoulos, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (Senate, No. 2002) (on Senate, No. 1922); and

Caron Parker,—sick leave.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Caron Parker, an employee of the Department of Revenue (Senate, No. 2003) (on Senate, No. 1974);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, then reported, in each instance, that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, 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.

A Bill adding members of the Massachusetts Call and Volunteer Firefighters Association to the Massachusetts Fire Training Council (Senate, No. 1188) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Fire Training Council,—membership.

Reports of Committees.

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

The Senate Bill exempting certain positions in the town of Shrewsbury from civil service law (Senate, No. 1937) [Local Approval Received]; and

Shrewsbury,—civil service.

House bills

Approving the conveyance by the Nantucket Island Land Bank of certain land situated in the town of Nantucket (House, No. 569) [Local Approval Received];

Nantucket,—land bank.

Relative to the cable PEG access enterprise accounts (House, No. 1451);

PEG.

Exempting the position of inspector of buildings, also known as the building commissioner, of the town of Natick from the provisions of civil service law (House, No. 3507) [Local Approval Received];

Natick,—building commissioner.

Exempting the position of fire chief of the town of Natick from the provisions of civil service law (House, No. 3508) [Local Approval Received];

Natick,—fire chief.

Relative to authorizing the town of Needham to dispose of by sale of 375 square feet of conservation land and to grant a permanent ground bed easement to support natural gas transmission under article of amendment XLIX (House, No. 3667) [Local Approval Received];

Needham,—land conveyance.

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

By Mr. Wagner of Chicopee, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on Senate, Nos. 150, 155, 168, 169 and 170 and House, Nos. 130, 1036, 1037, 1039, 1904, 1905, 3110 and 3111, a Bill establishing expanded gaming in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3697). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Expanded gaming.

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, Nos. 3 and 5, a Bill relative to vendor contracts (House, No. 5). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Vendor contracts.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michele Chandler, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Senate, No. 1968, 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.

Michele Chandler,—sick leave bank.

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bank.

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.

Arcelia  
Williams-  
Sullivan,—  
sick leave  
bank.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Arcelia Williams-Sullivan, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (see House, No. 3588, 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.

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Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Engrossed Bills.*

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enacted.

Exempting certain employees of the school department in the town of Acushnet and certain town of Acushnet clerical and janitorial employees from the civil service law (see House, No. 1618); and

Eliminating the preliminary election in the city of Revere in 2011 (see House, No. 3655);

(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.

*Orders of the Day.*

House bills

Third  
reading  
bills.

Exempting certain positions in the town of Burlington from civil service law (House, No. 3488); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Terri A. Demars, an employee of the Department of State Police (House, No. 3646) (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.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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sitting.

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