

Thursday, September 1, 2011.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Kafka of Stoughton 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. Kafka), 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:

Daniel M. Jones.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Jones of North Reading) honoring Daniel M. Jones on the occasion of his retirement;

John Katsaros.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill) congratulating John Katsaros, Staff Sergeant in the United States Army Air Forces, (RET) on being named a recipient of the Chevalier Legion of Honor Award, France's highest civilian award;

Constitution Week.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) recognizing September 17th through September 23rd as Constitution Week; and

Judith Irizarry.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. O'Day of West Boylston and Rosa of Leominster) honoring Judith Irizarry on the occasion of her retirement;

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

Petitions.

Danvers, — Natalie's Restaurant.

Mr. Speliotis of Danvers presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3699) of Theodore C. Speliotis (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Danvers to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Postal addresses, — fraud.

By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera for legislation to impose a penalty for the fraudulent use of postal addresses.

Firearms, — storage.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kevin J. Murphy for legislation to further regulate the security in the storage of firearms in the Commonwealth.

Lowell, — Gentz Brothers.

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David M. Nangle for legislation to designate a certain bridge on Morton Street in the city of Lowell as the Gentz Brothers Memorial Bridge.

By Mr. Peterson of Grafton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of George N. Peterson, Jr., and others relative to the sale and licensing of firearms.

Firearms, — sale and licensing.

By Ms. Reinstein of Revere, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kathi-Anne Reinstein for legislation to further regulate the treatment of animals in veterinary hospitals.

Veterinary hospitals, — regulating.

By Mr. Ross of Attleboro, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of George T. Ross and others for legislation to designate a certain bridge on County Street in the city of Attleboro as the Lynn Goodchild and Shawn Nassaney September 11th Memorial Bridge.

Attleboro, — Goodchild and Nassaney Bridge.

By Ms. Story of Amherst and Senator Rosenberg, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ellen Story and Stanley C. Rosenberg for legislation to authorize the Department of Transportation to acquire certain parcels of land in the town of Amherst.

Amherst, — land conveyance.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill relocating certain harbor lines in the Fairhaven and New Bedford harbors (House, No. 3402), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in line 119, striking out the words "division of waterways within the department of environmental management" and inserting in place thereof the words "office of waterways within the department of conservation and recreation".

Fairhaven and New Bedford, — harbor lines.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, 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.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, 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:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael A. Costello and Steven A. Baddour for legislation to designate a certain portion of land in the town of Salisbury as the Reverend Thomas B. Morgan Square.

Salisbury, — Reverend Morgan Square.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Robert M. Koczera, Michael J. Rodrigues and others relative to the designation of veterans status on licenses and identification cards issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Licenses, — veterans status.

Severally to the committee on Transportation.

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

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Annmarie Kineavy, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 3691). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Annmarie Kineavy, — sick leave bank.

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

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Senior citizen
safety zones.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the establishment of senior citizen safety zones (House, No. 1968), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

Firearms,—
licenses.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the licensing of firearms for persons 70 years of age or older (House, No. 653), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 3700). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendment pending.

Gardner,—
councilors,—
elect.

By Mr. Moran of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill relative to eligibility of ward councilors-elect to assume office notwithstanding city charter residency restriction (printed as Senate, No. 1936) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

Grisel
Caraballo,—
sick leave
bank.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Grisel Caraballo, an employee of the Department of Revenue (see House, No. 3662, 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 4 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 House) 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 city of Methuen to lease the Oakland Avenue School building to the Islamic Academy for Peace (see House, No. 3689) (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.

Senate bills

Exempting certain positions in the town of Shrewsbury from the civil service law (Senate, No. 1937);

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

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

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bills.

The House Bill providing a simplified procedure for municipal acceptance of subdivision roads in the town of Franklin (House, No. 1459), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
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bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next
sitting.

At a fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Kafka of Stoughton being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.