

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, September 4, 2008.

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).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Eternal God, we pause for a moment of personal reflection and prayer and focus our attention and thoughts on You, spiritual realities and our own personal lifetime goals. Inspire us to select and implement human and spiritual values which enable us to serve You, our constituents and our families faithfully. At the opening of a new academic year, we join parents and educators in a common effort to serve and address the important task of educating our children and young people. May our education system enable all students to recognize and to utilize their own human and intellectual talents and gifts. Inspire us, as elected leaders, to keep our academic standards high and relevant so that future generations will successfully meet the challenges of the next decades in our quickly changing world. Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

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:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Barrows of Mansfield) on the occasion of the sixty-first wedding anniversary of Robert and Janice Barrows;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Bosley of North Adams, Balser of Newton, Flynn of Bridgewater, Smizik of Brookline, Speranzo of Pittsfield and Wallace of Boston) congratulating the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Casey of Winchester and Natale of Woburn) commemorating the twenty-fifth annual Stoneham Town Day;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Smola of Palmer) congratulating Joseph Rogers Leal on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vallee of Franklin) recognizing LTC Daniel J. Knight for his service to our community, state and the nation;

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, 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.

Paper from the Senate.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:—

September 4, 2008.

Honorable Salvatore F. DiMasi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Room 356 State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Therese Murray, President of the Senate, has announced the appointment of Senator Stephen M. Brewer to the Special Commission established (pursuant to Chapter 3 of the Resolves of 2008) to make an investigation and study of the feasibility of establishing a statewide law enforcement training program; and that the Honorable Richard R. Tisei, Senate Minority Leader, has announced the appointment of Senator Scott P. Brown to the same special commission.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. WELCH,
Clerk of the Senate.

Recess.

At five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. McMurtry of Dedham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until a quarter after eleven o'clock; and at twenty-nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Medford as the Sergeant Anthony P. Annino Bridge (House, No. 4962) be scheduled for consideration by the House. Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

Senate bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Alice Eldridge, an employee of the Department of Revenue (Senate, No. 2745, amended); and

Authorizing the placement of 2 questions on the ballot at the biennial state election relative to the licensing of sales of wine and malt beverages in the city of Melrose (Senate, No. 2875) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

The Senate Resolve providing for an investigation and study by the Commissioner of Development Services on a self-determination model for persons with disabilities (Senate, No. 2781) (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, in concurrence.

House bills

Relative to the Groton Country Club Authority (House, No. 4008);

Authorizing the town of Belmont to place a certain question relative to the granting of a club license for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the town of Belmont (House, No. 4757);

Authorizing the town of Wayland to establish a department of public works (House, No. 4759);

Relative to the historical commission of the town of Lincoln (House, No. 4760);

Providing the terms of certain bonds and notes to be used by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 4813) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Authorizing certain persons to take the civil service examination for appointment as a firefighter in the town of Arlington notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4871) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Authorizing certain person to take the civil service examination for appointment as a police officer in the town of Arlington notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4872) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Authorizing the town of Arlington to issue pension obligation bonds or notes (House, No. 4876); and

Relative to all alcoholic beverages licenses in the town of Arlington (House, No. 4936);

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

Recess.

At a quarter before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Smith of Everett (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until a quarter before one o'clock P.M.; and at twenty-seven minutes after one o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill relative to certain health insurance options for municipal retirees (see House, No. 4516), 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.

Law enforcement training commission, Senate appointments.

Recess.

Sgt. Anthony Annino Bridge.

Third reading bills and resolve.

Third reading bills.

Recess.

Municipal retirees.

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 11 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Alice
Eldridge,
sick leave
bank.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Alice Eldridge, an employee of the Department of Revenue (see Senate, No. 2745, 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 6 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.

Housing
bonds,
terms.

The engrossed Bill providing the terms of certain bonds and notes to be used by the Commonwealth (see House Bill printed in House, No. 4813), 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 6 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 Resolve.

Resolve
passed.

The engrossed Resolve providing for an investigation and study by the Commissioner of Development Services on a self-determination model for persons with disabilities (see Senate, No. 2781) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed Bills.

Bill
re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to sudden, unexplained child deaths (see House, No. 1678, amended) (which originated in the House) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The engrossed Bill relative to biomedical research (see House, No. 4812) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill
enacted.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the placement of 2 questions on the ballot at the Biennial state election relative to the licensing of sales of wine and malt beverages in the city of Melrose (see Senate, No. 2875) (which originated in the Senate); Bills
enacted.

Relative to the placement of twins in schools (see House, No. 469);

Relative to animal fighting or cruelty (see House, No. 1527); Designating a certain bridge in the town of Falmouth as the Raleigh D. Costa Memorial Bridge (see House, No. 4435);

Designating a certain interchange in the town of Yarmouth as the State Trooper Ellen Engelhardt Interchange (see House, No. 4918); and

Relative to an intermunicipal agreement and betterment assessments in the town of Lunenburg (see House, No. 5033);

(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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next
sitting.

At two minutes after two o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Rogness of Longmeadow (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.