

Thursday, September 6, 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.

Resolutions.

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

Erick
Benoit.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Erick Benoit on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Harrison
Krantz.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Harrison Krantz on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America; and

Taunton,—
POW/MIA
vigil.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives O'Connell of Taunton, Haddad of Somerset and Orrall of Lakeville) honoring the Taunton Area Vietnam Veterans Association on its thirtieth annual POW/MIA vigil;

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

Communication.

Life Sciences
Center,—
extension
report.

A communication from the Life Sciences Center (under Section 5(e)(2) of Chapter 23I of the General Laws) submitting an extension report detailing the decision of said center to extend certified status to certain life sciences companies as permitted under statutory authority [copies forwarded to the House committee on Ways and Means and the joint committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, in accordance with said law], was placed on file.

Annual Report.

Clean Energy
Technology
Center,—
financial
report.

A report from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Technology Center (under Section 5 of Chapter 23J of the General Laws) relative to the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures of said agency for fiscal year 2012 [copies forwarded to the House committee on Ways and Means, the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, in accordance with said law], was placed on file.

Petition.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester presented a petition (subject Joint Rule 12) of John J. Binienda (with the approval of the city council) relative to the forfeiture of property for crimes committed in the city of Worcester; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Worcester,—
property
forfeiture.

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Emmy Diaz, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (Senate, No. 2431) (on Senate bill, No. 2188), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emmy
Diaz,—
sick leave
bank.

Reports of Committees.

A report of the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to validating the acts, votes and proceedings of the 2012 spring annual town meeting and the 2012 spring special town meeting of the town of Westminster (House, No. 4354). Under suspension of the rules, on a motion of Ms. Spiliotis of Peabody, the report was considered forthwith. Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the subject-matter was recommitted, on motion of the same member.

Westminster,—
town
meeting.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kathleen Anno, employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 4422). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Kathleen
Anno,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Spiliotis of Danvers, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 128, 129, 1022, 1034, 1885, 1888, and 2706, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning credit card and banking issues (House, No. 4425).

Consumer
Protection and
Professional
Licensure,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1033, 1884, 1886, 1887, 1892, 2702, 2703, and 3107, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning gaming and lottery issues (House, No. 4426).

Id.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on Senate, Nos. 184, 211, 250, 254, 255 and 259 and House, Nos. 155, 179, 1056, 1060 and 1934, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning health education issues (House, No. 4427).

Education,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 202 and 229 and House, Nos. 157, 1051, 1072, 1084, 1913, 2714 and 3590, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make

Id.

Education,—
study.

an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning transportation issues (House, No. 4428).

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 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.

Emergency Measure.

June
Graham,—
sick leave
bank.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for June Graham, an employee of the Department of Public Health (see Senate, No. 2417), 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 2 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 Bills.

Lincoln,—
election.

The engrossed Bill validating the actions taken at a certain election held in the town of Lincoln (see House bill printed in House, No. 4135) (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 (more than two-thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same); and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bills
enacted.

Engrossed bills

Designating a certain bridge on Route 6 in the city of New Bedford as the Roland J. Hebert Bridge (see House, No. 3970, changed);

Relative to the appointment and status of the fire chief and the Board of Fire Commissioners in the city of Fall River (see House, No. 4030, amended);

Exempting the town of Southbridge from Attorney General approval of by-laws (see House, No. 4039, amended);

Relative to non-councilors on committees in the town of Southbridge (see House, No. 4040, amended);

Relative to the removal of the vice-chairperson of the council of the town of Southbridge (see House, No. 4041, amended);

Relative to the prohibition on multiple appointments to quasi-judicial boards in the town of Southbridge (see House, No. 4042, amended);

Relative to the addition of members to the board of health in the town of Southbridge (see House, No. 4043, amended);

Relative to the appointment of the liquor licensing board in the town of Southbridge (see House, No. 4044, amended);

Relative to the rescission of appointments to quasi-judicial bodies in the town of Southbridge (see House, No. 4045, amended);

Relative to the removal of the manager of the town of Southbridge (see House, No. 4046, amended);

Relative to the prohibition on commercial manufacturing or sale of alcohol by the members of the liquor licensing board of the town of Southbridge (see House, No. 4047, amended); and

Relative to the recall of elected officers in the town of Southbridge (see House, No. 4048, amended);

(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. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next sitting.

At nineteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.