

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, September 7, 2010.

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:

Gracious God, in prayer we open our hearts and minds to You and direct our attention and thoughts to spiritual matters. During the course of this day, may we keep in mind that we live each moment of the day in Your presence. We believe that Your assistance is always available to us as we address the day's opportunities and challenges for serving You, our families and our constituents faithfully. As we begin a new academic year, we wish great success to our students, teachers and administrators. May our students be prepared to meet their current and future needs as citizens and the needs of the Commonwealth and the nation. Teach us to work together to build confidence and trust in our constituents and in each other and in basic human and spiritual values.

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.

Message from the Governor — Bill Returned with Recommendation of Amendment.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Sudbury to enter into and to extend wireless facility contracts or leases for periods in excess of 20 years (see House, No. 4715) (for message, see House, No. 5009) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, September 2.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was thereupon "before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment."

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by His Excellency, the bill was referred, on motion of Mr. Pedone of Worcester, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Fagan of Taunton, Haddad of Somerset and Canessa of New Bedford) congratulating Robert L. Cammarata on the occasion of his retirement; and

Sudbury,—
wireless
facility
contracts.

Robert L.
Cammarata.

Arts in
Education
Week.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Walz of Boston) recognizing the Massachusetts Cultural Council and Arts/Learning at Walnut Hill in the town of Natick in their celebration of the week of September 12, 2010, as Arts in Education Week;

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

Quarterly Report.

Unemployment
insurance.

A quarterly report of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (under Section 142 of the Acts of 2003) relative to the condition of the Commonwealth's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for August, 2010, was placed on file.

Paper from the Senate.

Middlebor-
ough,—
charter.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2617) of Marc R. Pacheco, Stephen R. Canessa, William M. Straus and Thomas J. Calter (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the town of Middleborough, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Reports of Committees.

Nanette
Maltais,—
sick leave.

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 joint petition of Mark V. Falzone, Sal N. DiDomenico and others for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Nanette Maltais, an employee of the Department of Revenue. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Health Care
Financing,—
study.

By Ms. Stanley of West Newbury, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, Nos. 892, 1004, 2037, 2140, 2215, 3595, 3898 and 4658, an Order authorizing the committee on Health Care Financing to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning health care financing (House, No. 5008). 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 order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Belmont,—
quarterly
taxes.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Bill relative to quarterly tax billing in the town of Belmont (House, No. 4901) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills
Exempting certain clerical positions in the town of Billerica from the civil service law (see House, No. 4391); Bills enacted.

Authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4937); and

Authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4938);

(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.

The House Bill directing the State Secretary to place a certain non-binding question on the biennial state election ballot in the city of New Bedford (House, No. 4970) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Third reading bill.

The House Bill expanding the residency preference afforded under the civil service law to candidates for appointment as Brookline Police Officers to include graduates of Brookline High School (House, No. 4197), was read a third time. Third reading bill amended.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported with a recommendation to amend the bill by substitution of a Bill relative to appointments to the town of Brookline police department (House, No. 5010); and the report was accepted.

The amendment then was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

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