

Monday, September 10, 2007.

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:

At the beginning of this new workweek, we pause for a moment of reflection and personal prayer to You, God, Our Creator. In Your goodness, help us to focus our attention as elected leaders on the current and future needs — human, spiritual and material — of constituents. Grant us the wisdom to make wise and responsible decisions and choices as we address the needs of the times and of people. On the eve of the anniversary of 9/11, a most tragic event, teach us to continue to recognize and respect the personal dignity and the rights — human, civil and religious — of all people, even in this age of terrorism and conflicts.

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 Ms. Flanagan of Leominster) congratulating Nicholas R. Grundziecki on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Andrew Burke on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Timothy Lesinski on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Smizik of Brookline) commending the Conservation Commissions of Massachusetts on their fiftieth anniversary;

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

Petitions.

Children,—
education
and support
orders.

Mrs. Haddad of Somerset presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia A. Haddad for legislation to regulate the continuing of support and education of certain dependent children; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Livery
vehicles,—
regulating.

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John J. Binienda for legislation to regulate the operation of livery motor vehicles in the Commonwealth.

Nurses,—
allied health
instructors.

By Mr. Curran of Springfield, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sean Curran relative to the vocational licensing procedure for registered nurses as allied health instructors by the Department of Education.

Day care
centers,—
licensing.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sean Curran for legislation to require the Office of Child Care Services to obtain the approval of cities and towns for the licensing of day care centers for children.

Dorothy
Lafratta,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Humason of Westfield, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Donald F. Humason, Jr., and Michael R. Knapik for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Dorothy Lafratta, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance.

Alcohol sales,—
identification.

By Mr. Keenan of Salem, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John D. Keenan that all purchasers of alcoholic beverages be required to furnish proof of age.

Hybrid
vehicles,—
sales tax.

By Mr. Lantigua of Lawrence, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William Lantigua for legislation to exempt purchases of hybrid motor vehicles from imposition of the sales tax.

Military,—
custody
orders.

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr., and James E. Vallee for legislation to regulate the modification of custody orders of parents on active military duty.

Cecilia
Davlin,—
pension.

By Mr. Rush of Boston, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael F. Rush that the State Retirement Board be directed to pay certain pension benefits to Cecilia Davlin.

Transit
passes,—
taxes.

By Ms. Spiliotis of Peabody, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joyce A. Spiliotis for legislation to increase the tax benefits for employees for the purchase of certain parking and transit passes.

Franklin,—
Sergeant
Pirelli
Rink.

By Mr. Vallee of Franklin, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James E. Vallee for legislation to designate a certain ice rink in the town of Franklin as the Staff Sergeant Robert Pirelli Veterans Memorial Rink.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A petition of Robert A. Antonioni for legislation relative to the Massachusetts Academy of Math and Science at WPI, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

WPI,—
Math and
Science
Academy.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2334) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

A report of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to an investigation of a Salmonella outbreak at M.C.I. Shirley Medium Security Facility in the town of Shirley, was spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

M.C.I.
Shirley,—
investigation.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that Joint Rule 7B be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of David L. Flynn and Marc R. Pacheco that the board of library trustees of the town of Bridgewater be authorized to establish a revolving fund for the purchase of books and other materials for the library of said town;

Bridgewater,—
library
trustees.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of David L. Flynn and Marc R. Pacheco that the town of Bridgewater be authorized to appropriate a certain sum of money to pay for the rental of modular classrooms; and

Bridgewater,—
modular
classrooms.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of William Smitty Pignatelli and Stephen Stat Smith that the board of selectmen of the town of Sheffield be authorized to appoint associate members to the conservation commission of said town;

Sheffield,—
conservation
commission.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of William Smitty Pignatelli relative to retirement and health benefits for certain elected officials in the town of Tyringham. To the committee on Public Service.

Tyringham,—
elected
officials.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 7B then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, 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:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of George N. Peterson, Jr., and Edward M. Augustus, Jr., for legislation to make certain changes in the Grafton Water District and the South Grafton Water District. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Grafton,—
water
districts.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of John J. Binienda and others relative to the disposition of the unclaimed remains of certain cremated persons; and

Deceased
persons,—
cremation.

Patients,—
remediation
programs.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Christopher J. Donelan relative to patient access information in the funding of individual remediation programs under the direction of the Board of Registration in Medicine;

Severally to the committee on Public Health.

Ammunition,—
encoding.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Douglas W. Petersen that the Secretary of Public Safety be directed to maintain a data base for encoding ammunition manufactured for the use of firearms regulated by the Commonwealth. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Local taxes,—
assessment.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of John J. Binienda and Edward M. Augustus, Jr., for legislation to further regulate the assessment of property taxes in the cities and towns of the Commonwealth. To the committee on Revenue.

Flags,—
state
purchases.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Patricia A. Haddad and others for legislation to regulate the purchase of flags by public agencies in the Commonwealth. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Marlborough,—
transit
authority.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Stephen P. LeDuc for legislation to transfer the city of Marlborough to the Metrowest Regional Transit Authority; and

Parking,—
fines.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Douglas W. Petersen relative to the fines paid for parking violations in the cities and towns of the Commonwealth;

Severally to the committee on Transportation.

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

Robert
Bozarjian,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the Department of Education (House, No. 4235). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Canavan of Brockton, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Auburn
High School,—
trust fund.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the town of Auburn to establish an Auburn High School gymnasium health and recreation trust fund (printed as Senate, No. 2263) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

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. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.