

Monday, September 10, 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:

Nancy
Panaro.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cusack of Braintree) congratulating Nancy Panaro on the occasion of her retirement;

Donald
Courtney.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Fresolo of Worcester, Binienda of Worcester, Mahoney of Worcester and O'Day of West Boylston) congratulating Lieutenant Donald Courtney on the occasion of his retirement from the Worcester Fire Department; and

Needham,—
Beth Israel
Deaconess
Hospital.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Needham on its one hundredth anniversary;

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. O'Day of West Boylston, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Fall River,—
contracts.

By Representative Aguiar of Fall River and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4430) of Kevin Aguiar and Michael J. Rodrigues (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to authorizing the city of Fall River to enter into certain contracts for the operation, maintenance and modification of the wastewater treatment plant, sewers, pump stations, collection system and appurtenances in said city.

Id.

By Representative Aguiar of Fall River and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4431) of Kevin Aguiar and Michael J. Rodrigues (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Fall River be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts for the acquisition, purchase, lease, sale, disposition or exchange of certain parcels of real property in regards to a water storage facility at Airport Road in said city.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.
Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2432) of Stanley C. Rosenberg (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide for local state of emergency declarations in the town of Greenfield; and Greenfield,—
charter.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2433) of Marc R. Pacheco (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the rent board of the town of Middleborough to impose fees for the employment of outside consultants; Middlebor-
ough,—
consultants.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Authorizing the town of Seekonk to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2353, amended) [Local Approval Received]; and Seekonk,—
liquor
licenses.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Emmy Diaz, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (Senate, No. 2431); and Emmy
Diaz,—
sick leave.

House bills

Relative to the leadership and governance of the city known as the town of Agawam (House, No. 4388) [Local Approval Received]; Agawam,—
terms of office.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Kathleen Rezendes, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (House, No. 4410); and Kathleen
Rezendes,—
sick leave.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Kathleen Anno, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 4422); Kathleen
Anno,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Kafka, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on a joint petition, a Bill designating certain tax revenue in the town of Wareham (House, No. 4390) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Wareham,—
tax
revenue.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on Senate, Nos. 175, 191, 206, 223, 227, 230, 241, 247 and 253 and House, Nos. 134, 141, 144, 149, 175, 1041, 1061, 1069, 1073, 1081, 1094, 1955, 1958, 2726 and 3349, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning education finance issues (House, No. 4432). Education,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 189, 221, 224, 248, 249 and 260 and House, Nos. 133, 146, 152, 161, 1052, 1821, 1908, 1931, 1952, 3537 and 3538, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning school finance issues (House, No. 4433) [Senator Clark dissenting]. Id.

Education,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 194, 195, 196, 199, 228, 233, 237 and 256 and House, Nos. 145, 151, 1087, 1916, 1942, 1943, 1947, 1953, 1956 and 1957, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning special education issues (House, No. 4434).

Higher
Education,—
study.

By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, Nos. 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 355, 356, 357, 1242, 1243, 1244, 1246, 2102, 2103, 2106, 2107, 2108 and 2109, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Higher Education to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning higher education issues (House, No. 4435).

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 were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

Engrossed Bills.

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Bills
enacted.

Exempting certain positions in the city of Gardner from the civil service laws (see House, No. 4213); and

Exempting certain positions in the city of Gardner from the civil service laws (see House, No. 4214);

(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.

Motion to Discharge the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

State flag,—
half-staff
flying.

Mr. Winslow of Norfolk then moved that the committee on Bills in the Third Reading be discharged from further consideration of the Senate Bill authorizing flying the flag of the Commonwealth at half-staff upon the death of certain police officers and firefighters (Senate, No. 1573); and the motion to discharge was negatived.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Third
reading
bills.

Exempting the position of deputy police chief in the town of Duxbury from the civil service law (House, No. 4026); and

Promoting municipal collaboration and regionalization throughout the Commonwealth (House, No. 4370) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were 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 eighteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (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.