

Monday, September 19, 2011.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Kafka of Stoughton 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. Kafka), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Communication.

Capital Resource Company.

A communication from the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (see Section 12 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting an annual report describing the formation and current status of said company, was placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Harvard,—alcoholic beverages.

By Representative Benson of Lunenburg and Senator Eldridge, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3715) of Jennifer E. Benson and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Harvard to issue special one-day licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Chelmsford,—precincts.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3716) of James Arciero and others (by vote of the town) relative to the number of voting precincts in the town of Chelmsford. To the committee on Election Laws.

Harvard,—economic target area.

By Representative Benson of Lunenburg and Senator Eldridge, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3717) of Jennifer E. Benson and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) that the town of Harvard be designated as a Commonwealth Economic Target and Opportunity Area. To the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Health care,—rates.

By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ronald Mariano and others relative to promoting equity and efficiency in health care rates.

Power outages,—rebates.

By Mr. Winslow of Norfolk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel B. Winslow and others for legislation to provide power outage rebates to consumers.

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

Papers from the Senate.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

Bills

Donna Kelly,—sick leave.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Donna Jean Kelly, an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 2013) (on Senate bill No. 1969); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Stephen Thomas, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2014) (on Senate bill No. 1976);

Stephen Thomas,—sick leave.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, then reported that the matters be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, 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.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2009) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the town of Essex, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Essex,—Conom Point.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Thomas P. Kennedy, Michael J. Rodrigues, Cynthia Stone Creem, Robert L. Hedlund and other members of the General Court for legislation to further regulate the continuing education requirements for certain real estate appraisers and trainees, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Real estate appraisers,—educational requirements.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2016) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Bill relative to the charter for the town of Ashburnham (Senate, No. 2005) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Ashburnham,—town charter.

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

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Shawn T. Sawyer, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 3701). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Shawn T. Sawyer,—sick leave bank.

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

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

By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on House, Nos. 891 and 2627, a Bill to create the position of poet laureate for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (House, No. 891). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Poet laureate.

Springfield,—  
museum. By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the acquisition of land, the development and construction of an underground railroad, civil rights and black heritage museum and cultural center in Springfield (House, No. 1780).

Connecticut  
River. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Connecticut River rowing facility (House, No. 2629).

Cultural  
facilities fund. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the cultural facilities fund (House, No. 3381).

Tourism. By the same member, for the same committee, on (House, No. 3066), a Bill to relative to tourism (House, No. 3714).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Scenic  
byways. By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on House, No. 1779, a Bill to further define a scenic byway in the towns of Arlington, Lexington, Lincoln, and Concord (House, No. 3712). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

*Engrossed Bill.*

Bill  
enacted. The engrossed Bill reforming alimony in the Commonwealth (see House, No. 3617, amended) (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; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*

House bills  
Third  
reading  
bills. Authorizing a design and build contract for a recreational facility in the town of Braintree (House, No. 3660);

Exempting certain water dependent structures from certain harbor lines in Chelsea Creek (House, No. 3690); and

Authorizing the City Clerk of the city of Haverhill to arrange the names of candidates for municipal elective office by random drawing (House, No. 3705);

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.

*Order.*

Next  
sitting. 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.

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At sixteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.