

Monday, September 24, 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).

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. Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield) congratulating the Massachusetts Workforce Professionals Association on their observance of National Workforce Development Month; and Workforce
Professionals
Association.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Garlick of Needham and Winslow of Norfolk) honoring the memory and life of Robert E. Naughton on the dedication of the Robert E. Naughton Civic Square in the town of Medfield; Medfield,—
Robert E.
Naughton
Square.

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

Appointment to a Special Commission.

The Minority Leader announced that he had appointed Thomas J. Regh of Sterling to serve as his designee to the special energy policy review commission established (under Section 41 of Chapter 209 of the Acts of 2012) to research and review the economic and environmental benefits as well as the economic and electricity cost implications of energy and electricity policies in the Commonwealth. Energy
Policy
Review
Commission.

Petition.

Representative Mahoney of Worcester and Senator Chandler presented a joint petition (subject Joint Rule 12) of John J. Mahoney and Harriette L. Chandler for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jennifer O'Connell, an employee of the Department of Correction; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. Jennifer
O'Connell,—
sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

The Senate Bill relative to the adjustment of disability retirement benefits to Lynn police officer Gregory LeBlanc (Senate, No. 2344) (on Senate, No. 2297) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Lynn,—
Gregory
LeBlanc.

Reports of Committees.

Fitchburg,—
Bourque
bridge.

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 petition of Stephen L. DiNatale and Jennifer L. Flanagan relative to designating a certain bridge in the city of Fitchburg in honor of George J. Bourque. 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 Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Westminster,—
town
meetings.

By Ms. Spiliotis of Peabody, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a recommitted message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill 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 (printed in House, No. 4354).

Fitchburg,—
special police
officers.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Public Service, on a recommitted petition, a Bill relative to special police officers in the Fitchburg police department (House, No. 4104) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Consumer
Protection and
Professional
Licensure,—
study.

By Mr. Spiliotis of Danvers, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 103, 105, 110, 111, 120, 121, 1015, 1026, 1878, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1899, 1900, 2693, 2695, 2696, 2787, 3265, 3742 and 3940, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning professional licensure issues (House, No. 4449). 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.

Emergency Measure.

Patricia A.
Morin,—
sick leave
bank.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Patricia A. Morin, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see House, No. 4262, amended), 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 5 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 House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and Senate to the Senate.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Emmy Diaz, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (see Senate, No. 2431) (which originated in the Senate), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

Engrossed bills

Relative to the use of off-highway and recreational vehicles (see Senate, No. 2381) (which originated in the Senate); and Bills enacted.

Relative to authorizing the board of selectmen of the town of Saugus to hire an auditing firm to conduct annual audits (see House, No. 4315) (which 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.

House bills

Authorizing the Orleans, Brewster and Eastham Groundwater Protection District to provide retirement benefits for district employees (House, No. 4175) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); Third reading bills.

Validating the proceedings at the annual town meeting and the annual town election in the town of Heath (printed in House, No. 4353) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Providing the terms of bonds authorized by Chapter 242 of the Acts of 2012 (printed in House, No. 4399);

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.

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 twenty-six minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (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.