

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, September 25, 2006.

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:

Prayer.

Gracious God, we depend upon Your guidance and ways for direction as we take up this and every day's legislative and administrative items. Inspire us to select legislative options which are reasonable, right and honorable, but perhaps not always popular. In our role as elected leaders, grant us the patience, skills and wisdom to articulate clearly both the benefits and consequences of our choices in these uneasy times. Help us to continue building neighborhoods and communities in which the dignity and rights (human, civil and religious) are respected and acknowledged.

Bestow Your blessings on the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

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:

James J. Hager.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Canavan of Brockton and other members of the House) congratulating James J. Hager on the occasion of his retirement;

Bob and Mary Jane Jose.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fagan of Taunton) congratulating Bob and Mary Jane Jose on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary;

Kyle R. Salisbury.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Flanagan of Leominster) congratulating Kyle R. Salisbury on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Mental Illness Awareness Week.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Kujawski of Webster and Callahan of Sutton) observing Mental Illness Awareness Week, October 1 to 7, 2006; and

Twin city relationship.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Turkington of Falmouth) recognizing the twin city relationship between the town of Nantucket, Massachusetts and the city of Beaune, France;

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

Petition.

Mr. Cabral of New Bedford presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5298) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of New Bedford to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

New Bedford, liquor license.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspections of certain correctional facilities, as follows:

Correctional facilities, inspection reports.

Of the Bristol County House of Correction, in the town of Dartmouth;

Of the Dartmouth's Women Center, in the town of Dartmouth;

Of the Essex County Correctional Alternative Center, in the town of Middleton; and

Of the Essex County Women in Transition facility, in the town of Middleton.

Severally were spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

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 petition of Michael J. Rodrigues for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Paul LaFrance, an employee of the Department of Correction. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. L'Italien of Andover, 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.

Paul LaFrance, sick leave bank.

By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill partially releasing a non-development covenant restriction on certain land in the town of Leicester (House, No. 5143) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Leicester, development.

By Mr. Petrucci of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill relative to referendum petition and procedures of town meeting in the town of Burlington (House, No. 5287) [Local Approval Received].

Burlington, referendum procedures.

By Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Belmont to establish an other postemployment benefits trust fund (House, No. 5076) [Local Approval Received].

Belmont, post-employment fund.

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Revenue, on House, No. 2370, a Bill relative to real estate tax notices (House, No. 5299).

Tax notices.

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

Engrossed Bills.

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 Relative to the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District (see House, No. 1340);
 Authorizing the town of North Andover to hold a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4693);
 Authorizing the appointment of Christina M. Orzyck as a police officer in the city of Worcester (see House, No. 4865);
 Authorizing the town of Norwood to lease certain land (see House, No. 5015); and
 Authorizing the town of Norwood to grant access to its sewer system and to assess charges therefor (see House, No. 5058);
 (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.

Third reading bill.
 The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the Department of Social Services (Senate, No. 2665, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Order.

Next sitting.
 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.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Story of Amherst (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.