

Friday, September 25, 2009.

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.

Guests of the House.

The Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) then introduced students of the Colegio El Pilar School of Madrid, Spain and Milton Academy of the town of Milton who were seated in the House Chamber. They were the guests of Representative Timilty of Milton. Colegio El Pilar and Milton Academy students.

Petitions.

Mr. Garballey of Arlington presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sean Garballey and others for legislation to require that certain health insurance policies provide coverage and reimbursement for prescription amino acid-based elemental formulas; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. Elemental formulas,—health insurance.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, 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. Timilty of Milton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Financial Services. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian S. Dempsey relative to establishing a sick leave bank for John "Jack" Bevelaqua and employee of the Department of Energy Resources, and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. Jack Bevelaqua,—sick leave bank.

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Papers from the Senate.

A Bill relative to vocational education (Senate, No. 253, amended in section 1, in lines 5 and 6, by striking the sentence contained therein; by striking out section 2; and by inserting before enacting clause the follow emergency preamble: Vocational education.

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to increase forthwith access to vocational education programs, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for immediate preservation of the public convenience.") (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Maureen
Wright,—
sick leave.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Maureen Wright, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (Senate, No. 2058, amended by adding the following sentence: "Sick leave bank days shall not be used for absences unrelated to the illness or disability that necessitated the establishment of the sick leave bank as determined by the department."; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the department of developmental services, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.") (on a petition).

Salem,—
liquor
license.

A Bill authorizing the city of Salem to issue additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2093) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received].

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.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Effingham
Capron
Park.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2158) of Richard T. Moore, Paul Kujawski and Jennifer M. Callahan for legislation to designate a certain node of the Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park in the town of Uxbridge as the Effingham Capron Memorial Park; and

Spaulding R.
Aldrich
Recreation
Area.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2160) of Richard T. Moore and George N. Peterson, Jr., for legislation to designate a certain area of the Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park as the Spaulding R. Aldrich Recreation Area;

Severally to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Titus
Ebbeling
Bridge.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2159) of Richard T. Moore, Paul Kujawski and Jennifer M. Callahan for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of Uxbridge as the Titus Ebbeling Memorial Bridge. To the committee on Transportation.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

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sitting.