

Wednesday, September 30, 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.

Report.

A report of the Department of Energy Resources (under sections 2 and 3 of Chapter 206 of the Acts of 2008) filing a letter to inform the General Court that the Department of Energy Resources, in coordination with the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and the Department of Environmental Protection had announced key decisions regarding the implementation of the bio-fuels mandate provided for in said act [copies of the report were forwarded to the House committee on Ways and Means; and the joint committees on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture; Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy; and Transportation]. Biofuels mandate implementation.

Petition.

Mr. Mariano of Quincy presented a petition (subject Joint Rules 12 and 9) of Ronald Mariano relative to the boundaries of a certain parcel of land on the Fore River and located in the city of Quincy and in the town of Braintree; and the same was referred, under Rule 24 to the committee on Rules. Quincy and Braintree,—land.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to public utility companies (House, No. 4126, amended) came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had insisted on its amendment (in which the House had non-concurred). Public utility companies.

The bill bore the further endorsement that the Senate had concurred with the House in appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Morrissey, Flanagan and Tarr had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate. Committee of conference.

A Bill authorizing the city of Westfield to convert a seasonal license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises to an annual license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2161) (on Senate, No. 147) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Westfield,—liquor license.

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

State
university
system.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2162) of Frederick E. Berry for legislation to constitute a state university system. To the committee on Higher Education.

Wareham
library
certification.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2163) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation relative to Wareham Library Certification. To the Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Reports of Committees.

Deborah
Kotarba,—
sick leave
bank.

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 Michael J. Rodrigues, Joan M. Menard and Patricia A. Haddad relative to establishing a sick leave bank for Deborah Kotarba, an employee of the Trial Court.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Canessa of Fall River, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measure.

Deborah
Armstrong,—
sick leave
bank.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Deborah Armstrong, an employee of the Trial Court (see House, No. 4209, 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.

Orders of the Day.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill relative to the charter of the town of Orleans (House, No. 4086), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; was passed to be engrossed. 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 tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

At eight 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 day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.