

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, September 30, 2010.

Met according to adjournment at ten 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.

Appointment to a Special Commission.

The Minority Leader announced that he had appointed Representative Hill of Ipswich to the special commission established (under Section 72 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2010) to examine efficient and effective strategies to implement school district collaboration and regionalization. School districts,—
improvement.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 4856, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning landscape architect licensure (House, No. 5032). Landscape architects,—
study.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on the Revenue, on House, No. 4887, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on the Revenue to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relating to real estate tax abatements (House, No. 5033). Tax abatements,—
study.

Severally 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, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of said orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

Recess.

At one minute after ten o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Pedone of Worcester (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at seventeen minutes before eleven o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair. Recess.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill making appropriations for the Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 5028), Supplemental and deficiency appropriations.

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reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Sullivan of Fall River moved to amend it in section 3, in item 5011-0100, after the word "department" by inserting the following: "provided, that prior to January 3, 2011, the department shall hold public hearings in each area office locality for which a consolidation is planned detailing the nature of the consolidation, the savings generated by consolidation, and the effects of the consolidation on consumers or services provided by the department". The amendment was rejected. Messrs. Pedone of Worcester and Jones of North Reading then moved to amend the bill in section 3

In line 1158, in item 4000-0700, by striking out the figures "192,848,914" and inserting in place thereof the figures "196,848,914"; and

In line 1204, in item 8900-0100, by striking out the figures "18,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures "14,000,000".

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 5028, amended) was passed to be engrossed.

Quorum.

Ms. Polito of Shrewsbury then asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was present. The Chair (Mr. Donato) determined that a quorum was not in attendance, and, since a quorum was not present, the previous vote (on passing House, No. 5028, amended, to be engrossed) must be declared void. Under House Rule 82, the Chair, at twelve minutes before eleven o'clock A.M., declared an adjournment of the House, until the next day at ten o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.