

Tuesday, October 9, 2007.

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.

God, the Ultimate Source of Compassion and Truth, we believe that Your guidance, assistance and spiritual gifts are available to us for the asking. Your gift of wisdom enables us to comprehend correctly and morally the often complex legislative items and programs which come before us. As we struggle to meet the many needs of constituents and to address and resolve issues, inspire us to interpret all pertinent information and data rightly in our desire to serve people and the common good. May we always be aware of the consequences of decisions today and in the years ahead.

Grant Your blessings to 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:

Margo Fenn.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Peake of Provincetown, Patrick of Falmouth, Gifford of Wareham, Perry of Sandwich and Atsalis of Barnstable) honoring Margo Fenn for her years of service to the communities of Barnstable County and Cape Cod; and

Lynn,—
St. Mary's
Parish and
School.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Walsh of Lynn, Fennell of Lynn, Falzone of Saugus and Petersen of Marblehead) celebrating one hundred and twenty-five years of Catholic education at St. Mary's Parish and School in Lynn;

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, 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. Peake, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Salem,—
Wine
Imports, LTD.

By Mr. Keenan of Salem, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4274) of John D. Keenan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Salem to issue an additional license for the sale of beer and wine not to be drunk on the premises to Salem Wine Imports, LTD; and

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4275) of John D. Keenan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Salem to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises to New Boston Ventures, LLC;

Salem,—
New Boston
Ventures, LLC.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Costello of Newburyport, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael A. Costello for legislation relative to the assistant clerks in the district court of Peabody.

Peabody,—
court clerks.

By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sarah K. Peake that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles be directed to issue distinctive “baby boomer” license plates for the establishment of a fund to be distributed to councils on aging.

Baby boomer
license plates.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill revising the composition and duties of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley Heritage District and Commission (Senate, No. 2310, amended in line 17 (as printed) by inserting after the word “district” the words “in coordination with the Massachusetts Historical Commission”) (on Senate, No. 2244), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Quinebaug and
Shetucket
Rivers.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2355) of Stanley C. Rosenberg, Gale D. Candaras, Thomas M. Petrolati and Stephen Kulik (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize and direct the Division of Capital Asset Management to grant a sewer easement in certain land in the town of Belchertown to the town of Belchertown. To the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Belchertown,—
sewer
easement.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2356) of Michael W. Morrissey, Bruce J. Ayers, Ronald Mariano and A. Stephen Tobin (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation regarding the city of Quincy’s healthcare coverage. To the committee on Public Service.

Quincy,—
health care
coverage.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill relative to the maximum storage charges on motor vehicles involuntarily towed (House, No. 319),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Transportation. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the reference.

Towed
vehicles,—
storage.

Lanesborough,—
health
insurance. By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill regarding municipal retiree health insurance in the town of Lanesborough (House, No. 4060) [Local Approval Received]. Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Job
classifications,—
study. By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill to authorize the Human Resources Division to undertake a study of the state's job classification system (House, No. 2826). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Burlington,—
civil service. By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to exempting the positions of police and fire chiefs from civil service (House, No. 2363) [Local Approval Received].

Trial Court,—
sick leave
bank. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an extended illness leave bank for trial court employees (House, No. 2582).

Kevin
Farragher. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill exempting Kevin Farragher from the maximum age requirement for appointment as a firefighter in the town of North Andover (House, No. 4143) [Local Approval Received].

North
Andover,—
fire and
police chiefs. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill exempting the positions of police chief and fire chief in the town of North Andover from the civil service law (House, No. 4212) [Local Approval Received].

Dorothy
Lafratta,—
sick leave. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Dorothy Lafratta, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (House, No. 4249).

Phenylketonuria
Awareness Day. By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill designating May 24 as Phenylketonuria Awareness Day (House, No. 3174).

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

Engrossed Bills.

Bill
re-enacted. The engrossed Bill relative to residency requirements for regular fire and police officers in the town of Boxborough (see Senate, No. 9, amended) (which originated in the Senate) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed bills

Bills
enacted. Relative to the Westfield Municipal Light Board in the city of Westfield (see Senate, No. 2159);

Authorizing the appointment of Alcino Fernandes as a police officer in the town of Milford notwithstanding the maximum age requirements (see Senate, No. 2254);

(Which severally originated in the Senate); and

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Wellesley as State Senator David H. Locke Bridge (see House, No. 3593, changed) (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.

Recesses.

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hynes of Marshfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until the hour of one o'clock P.M.; and at that time the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair. Recesses.

The House thereupon took a further recess, on motion of Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow, until half past two o'clock; and at twenty-one minutes before three o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At seventeen minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mrs. Walrath of Stow (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.