

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, October 28, 2008.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Smizik of Brookline 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:

Eternal God, we place our trust in You and Your ways and our hope in You for a happy, peaceful and meaningful life. We pray for Your assistance as we try to address to the best of our ability the many challenges and opportunities which we face daily. Grant us the patience and the wisdom to evaluate in an objective and critical manner the information, suggestions and data which comes to our attention. As elected leaders, may we continue to be concerned with the material and spiritual needs of our families and children in these uncertain times. Inspire us to read the signs of the times correctly in our efforts to meet the needs of the present time as well as plan for the future of our society with confidence and accuracy. May we be open to the views of constituents and colleagues as we make our legislative decisions.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Smizik), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Communication.

A communication from the Bristol County District Registry of Deeds (pursuant to Section 2KKK of Chapter 4 of the Acts of 2003) submitting a spending plan for technology improvements at said registry (copies of said communication forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight, in accordance with said law), was placed on file.

Report of a Special Commission.

The report of the Special Commission established (under Chapter 2 of the Resolves of 2007) providing for an investigation and study relative to examining hygienic procedures relative to band instruments (House, No. 5124), was referred (with the accompanying draft of a bill) to the committee on Education. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Brenda De Los Santos, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (Senate, No. 2882) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Prayer.

Pledge of allegiance.

Bristol Registry of Deeds, technology plan.

Band instruments, hygiene.

Brenda De Los Santos, sick leave bank.

Reports of Committees.

Public
employees,
study.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 5081, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of a certain House document numbered 5081 concerning active and retired employees (House, No. 5131). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of said order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Maryan
Labaire,
sick leave.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Maryan Labaire, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 5118, changed by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

“Sick leave bank days may 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.”)

Margie
Murphy,
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick bank leave for Margie Murphy an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 5123, changed by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

“Sick leave bank days may 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.”)

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

Recess.

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At five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton (Mr. Smizik of Brookline being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-six minutes after four o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Smizik in the Chair.

Order.

Next
sitting.

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.

At twenty-seven minutes after four o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow (Mr. Smizik of Brookline being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.