

Thursday, November 5, 2009.

Met at five minutes after 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. Eternal God, we open this morning's legislative session with a prayer for your help, guidance and direction. For we believe that You are the Ultimate Source of our Hope and of Truth which enriches and gives meaning to our daily living. Each day we face legislative and personal decisions, often difficult and sensitive, as we carry-out our daily duties. Inspire us, at all times, to select choices which are thoughtful, honorable and ethical. Teach us to recognize, to know and to follow our basic principles and values, both human and spiritual, as we address the current concerns of constituents and the Commonwealth. In these difficult economic times may we be aware of the economic needs of people in our districts. Let the needs of children and of families remain an important part of our personal and public policy agenda.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and to 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:

Annette Lambert. Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating Annette Lambert on her one hundredth birthday;

Salvation Army North Shore Corps. Resolutions (filed by Representatives Grant of Beverly and Keenan of Salem congratulating the Salvation Army North Shore Corps on its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary; and

Brian Donald Wheeler. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) congratulating Brian Donald Wheeler of Medfield upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, 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 Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, 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:

By Mr. Ashe of Longmeadow, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4316) of Brian Michael Ashe (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Springfield be authorized to enter a lease agreement with Forest Park Zoological Society, Inc.; Springfield, — Forest Park Zoological Society.

By Mr. Finegold of Andover, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4317) of Barry R. Finegold, Susan C. Tucker and Barbara A. L'Italien (by vote of the town) relative to construction contracts in the town of Andover; and Andover, — trust fund.

By Mr. Finegold of Andover, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4318) of Barry R. Finegold, Susan C. Tucker and Barbara A. L'Italien (by vote of the town) relative to certain easements in the town of Andover. Andover, — easements.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. By Mr. Conroy of Wayland, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4319) of Thomas P. Conroy (by vote of the town) that the town of Wayland be authorized to establish a post employment benefits trust fund. To the committee on Public Service. Wayland, — trust fund.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Forry of Boston, petition (subject Joint Rules 12) of Linda Dorcena Forry relative to establishing a sick leave bank for Christopher Sandiford, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance; and Christopher Sandiford, — sick leave.

By Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (by request), petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jay D. Ferguson for legislation to require the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station located in the town of Plymouth to provide for weekly testing of its safety and alarm system. Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Fall River and the town of Somerset as the Veterans Memorial Bridge (Senate, No. 2124) (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. Fall River, — Veterans Bridge.

Subsequently Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

A petition of Harriette L. Chandler for legislation relative to certain limited registrations came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Limited registrations.

Limited registrations. The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2192) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Binienda of the 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 following petitions:

Southbridge,— Registry of Motor Vehicles. Petition (accompanied by bill) of Geraldo Alicea, Anne M. Gobi and others that the Registry of Motor Vehicles be required to hold a certain public hearing in the town of Southbridge;

Registry of Motor Vehicles,— branch closings. Petition (accompanied by bill) of Geraldo Alicea, Anne M. Gobi and others for legislation to regulate the closing of branch offices of the Registry of Motor Vehicles; and

Dalton,— Casey Bridge. Petition (accompanied by bill) of Denis E. Guyer for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of Dalton as the Second Lieutenant Michael J. Casey, Sr., Memorial Bridge. Severally to the committee on Transportation.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

District improvement financing. By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 2780) of Kevin G. Honan, William Lantigua and others relative to district improvement financing,— and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Ways and Means. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the discharge of the joint committee.

Simulcasting. By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on House, Nos. 4062, a Bill extending simulcasting (House, No. 4315).

Rebates and coupons. By Ms. Stanley of West Newbury, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, Nos. 1080, a Bill relative to manufacturer rebates and discount programs (House, No. 4320).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Health plan licensure. By Ms. Stanley of West Newbury, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill relative to the licensure of health plans (House, No. 971) ought to pass. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

*Engrossed Bills.*

Bills enacted. Engrossed bills Exempting the office of chief of police of the town of Sandwich from the civil service law (see Senate, No. 2076) (which originated in the Senate);

Relative to the development of certain town land in the town of Chatham (see House, No. 3823); and

Authorizing the board of assessors of the town of Newbury to grant a real estate tax abatement (see House, No. 4200); (Which severally 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.

*Orders of the Day.*

Senate bills Authorizing the town of Charlton to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 114, amended); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Richard Donati, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2157, amended);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

House bills Establishing a department of public works in the town of Hadley (House, No. 1913) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Designating a certain bridge in the city of Malden (House, No. 3209); Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,— Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At twenty-five minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.