

Monday, November, 7, 2011.

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.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Lewis of Winchester and Malia of Boston) honoring Grace Fey on her retirement from Zoo New England; and Grace Fey.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Lieutenant Charles A. Dowse, III on the occasion of his retirement; Charles A. Dowse, III.

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 Ms. Provost of Somerville, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Representative Canavan of Brockton and Senator Joyce presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3793) of Christine E. Canavan, Geraldine Creedon and Brian A. Joyce (by vote of the town) relative to rent regulations and control of evictions in mobile home parks in the town of Easton; and the same was referred to the committee on Housing. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Easton,—rent regulation.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Benson of Lunenburg and Senator Eldridge, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jennifer E. Benson and James B. Eldridge for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Pamela Shuttle, an employee of the Department of Public Health. Pamela Shuttle,—sick leave.

By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey Sánchez for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Adrienne Epstein, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. Adrienne Epstein,—sick leave.

By Mr. Walsh of Framingham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Chris Walsh for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Robert T. Martin, an employee of the Department of Revenue. Robert T. Martin,—sick leave.

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

Papers from the Senate.

Easthampton,—
charter.

The House Bill amending the home rule charter of the city of Easthampton (House, No. 3505), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 1. The charter of the city of Easthampton, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out section 1-7 and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

SECTION 1-7. DEFINITIONS

Unless another meaning is clearly apparent from the manner in which the word or phrase is used the following words and phrases as used in this charter shall have the following meanings:

‘Charter’, this charter and any amendment to it hereafter adopted.

‘City’, the city of Easthampton.

‘City Bulletin Boards’, the bulletin board in the city hall on which the city clerk posts official notices of meetings and upon which other official city notices are posted, and the bulletin boards at any other locations as may be designated ‘city bulletin boards’ by the city council.

‘City Agency’, any multiple member body, any department, division, or office of the city of Easthampton.

‘City Officer’, when used without further qualification or description, a person having charge of an office or department of the city who in the exercise of the powers or duties of such position exercise some portion of the sovereign power of the city.

‘Emergency’, a sudden, unexpected, unforeseen happening, occurrence or condition which necessitates immediate action or response.

‘Full Council’ or ‘Full Multiple Member Body’, the entire authorized complement of the city council, school committee or other multiple member body notwithstanding a vacancy which might exist.

‘general laws’, laws enacted by the state legislature which apply alike to all cities and towns, to all cities, or to a class of two or more cities and or cities and towns of which Easthampton is a member.

‘General Laws’, the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a codification and revision of statutes enacted on December 22, 1920, and including all amendments thereto subsequently adopted.

‘Initiative Measure’, a measure proposed by the voters through the initiative process provided under this charter.

‘Local Newspaper’, a newspaper of general circulation within Easthampton, with either a weekly or daily circulation.

‘Majority Vote’, when used in connection with a meeting of a multiple member body shall mean a majority of those present and voting, unless another provision is made by ordinance, by law, or by its own rules. When used in connection to the city council, ‘majority vote’ shall always refer to a majority of the full council membership.

‘Measure’, any ordinance, order, resolution, or other vote or proceeding adopted, or which might be adopted by the city council or the school committee.

‘Multiple Member Body’, any board, commission, committee, subcommittee or other body consisting of two or more persons whether

elected, appointed or otherwise constituted, but not including the city council or the school committee.

‘Referendum Measure’, a measure adopted by the city council or the school committee which is protested under the referendum procedures of this charter.

‘Voters’, registered voters of the city of Easthampton.”

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, the amendment (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to the inspection of certain motor vehicles (House No. 916). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Vehicle inspections.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 905) of William N. Brownsberger relative to motor vehicle registration plates. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Registration,—
motor vehicles.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following matters be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill authorizing the appointment of Antonio F. Dinis as a police officer in the town of Milford notwithstanding the minimum age requirements (Senate, No. 1942); and

Milford,—
Antonio F. Dinis.

House bills

Exempting Sean C. Lewis, Sr. from the maximum age requirement for appointment as a firefighter in the town of North Andover (House, No. 3593); and

North Andover,—
Sean Lewis.

Exempting original labor service appointments in to town of Arlington from the civil service law (House, No. 3654);

Arlington,—
civil service.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

By Mr. Costello of Newburyport, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 305, a Bill relative to affiliate transfers (House, No. 3791).

Affiliate transfers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 461, a Bill banning the use of credit in underwriting and rating private passenger motor vehicle insurance (House, No. 3795).

Motor vehicle insurance,—
underwriting.

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

Subsequently, Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, reported that the matters be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, they were placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

*Orders of the Day.*Third
reading
bills.

House bills
 Authorizing the town of Lincoln to grant a single license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premise (House, No. 3532) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn); and
 Relative to the human resource department of the town of Arlington (House, No. 3651);
 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.

Recess.

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At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-eight minutes after one o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with the Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

*Engrossed Bill.*Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill amending the home rule charter of the city of Easthampton (see House, No. 3505, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Order.*Next
sitting.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at one o'clock P.M.

At half past one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Humason of Westfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at one o'clock P.M.