

Thursday, November 10, 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).

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.

Interim Report.

Congressional redistricting.

An interim report of the joint special committee established (under Senate order No. 9 of 2011) to make an investigation and study of a new division of the Commonwealth into Congressional districts, forty Senatorial districts, eight Councillor districts and one hundred and sixty Representative districts (House, No. 3798), was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Subsequently Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules, on the foregoing report, reported a Bill establishing congressional districts (printed in House, No. 3798, App. A). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committees.

Prisoners,— treatment.

By Ms. Malia of Boston, for the committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, on a petition, a Bill relative to the treatment of prisoners (House No. 554).

Bridgewater State Hospital.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Bridgewater State Hospital (House, No. 1420).

Mental health services.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to mental health services in Massachusetts correctional institutions, houses of correction and jails (House, No. 1422, changed in line 51 by striking out the word "sheriff" and inserting in place thereof the word "commissioner").

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Fernald School,— scholarships.

By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, No. 354, a Bill creating a scholarship fund to further the study of developmental disabilities (House, No. 3802).

Low income workers,— grants.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 42 and House, No. 977, a Bill to improve the educational rewards grant program to assist low income workers (House, No. 3803).

Social workers,— loans.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1832, a Bill establishing an education loan repayment program for social workers in areas of need and certain direct care human services workers (House, No. 3804).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2104, a Bill making faculty sabbatical provisions at state universities consistent with other higher education institutions (House, No. 3805).

State universities,— sabbaticals.

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

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 ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (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.