

Wednesday, November 21, 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).

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 Mr. Vallee of Franklin) honoring Carlo Geromini on his retirement from the Franklin Town Council after forty years of service; and Carlo Geromini.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vallee of Franklin and Loscocco of Holliston) honoring Chief Robert S. Saleski on his retirement from the Medway Police Department after thirty-seven years of service; Robert S. Saleski.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill relative to property tax exemptions in the town of Swampscott (Senate, No. 2324) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Swampscott,—
tax
exemptions.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill protecting and preserving home ownership (see House, No. 4387), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble. Mortgages.

Prior to taking the vote on the question on adoption of the emergency preamble, Mr. Mariano of Quincy moved that Rule 40 be suspended; and the motion prevailed.

The same member then moved to amend the bill in sections 20 and 21 (as engrossed), in line 1, in both instances, by striking out the figures "2007" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the figures "2008"; and the amendments were adopted. The bill then was sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments.

Subsequently the Senate having concurred in the House amendments, the bill (see House, No. 4387, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Mortgages.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed Bills.

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Bills enacted.

To promote veterans benefits (see Senate, No. 2397) (which originated in the Senate); and

Authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to exchange certain land in the town of Needham (see House, No. 4367) (which originated in the House);

In respect to each of which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed bills

Id.

Increasing the punishment for drag racing (see Senate, No. 2083); and

Authorizing the city of Lowell to pay a certain court judgment (see Senate, No. 2329);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

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.

Third reading bill.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michelle Souther, an employee of the Registry of Motor Vehicles (Senate, No. 2384), 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.

Recess.

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At nineteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until a quarter before one o'clock P.M.; and at one minute before one o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Emergency Measures.

Unemployment assistance,—information.

The engrossed Bill relative to the sharing of information by the Division of Unemployment Insurance (see House, No. 4157, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly

prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment) was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michelle Souther, an employee of the Registry of Motor Vehicles (see Senate, No. 2384), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Michelle Souther,—sick leave bank.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Foxborough to grant 3 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4300) (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.

Bill enacted.

Recess.

At twenty-six minutes after one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until the hour of two o'clock P.M.; and at ten minutes after two o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Orders.

The following orders (filed this day by Speaker DiMasi of Boston) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Ordered, That the precept to be issued by the Speaker, under the provisions of Section 141 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, appointing a time for the election to fill the vacancy existing in the office of Representative in the General Court from the Eighth Essex District shall designate, Tuesday, March 4, 2008 as the time ordered by the House of Representatives for said election.

Eighth Essex Representative District,—time for election to fill vacancy.

Thirty-Second Middlesex Representative District,— time for election to fill vacancy.

Ordered, That the precept to be issued by the Speaker, under the provisions of Section 141 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, appointing a time for the election to fill the vacancy existing in the office of Representative in the General Court from the Thirty-Second Middlesex District shall designate, Tuesday, March 4, 2008 as the time ordered by the House of Representatives for said election.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, then severally reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At ten minutes after two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Natale of Woburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.