

Wednesday, November 25, 2009.

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.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Moran of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill authorizing the town of Plymouth to conduct a referendum election on January 19, 2010 (printed in House, No. 4358) ought to pass. Referred under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Spellane of Worcester, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Vanessa Williams, an employee of the division of medical assistance (House, No. 4365) ought to pass. Referred under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Fallon of Malden, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill authorizing a land acquisition fund in the town of Middleborough (Senate, No. 2139, amended) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill clarifying sewer assessment options (House, No. 3468, changed) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Bill St. Claire, an employee of the Department of Corrections (House, No. 4337) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Laraine Nasif, an employee of the Department of Revenue (House, No. 4362) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Patricia Cahill (House, No. 4363) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Malia of Boston, for the committee on the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, on a petition, a Bill protecting choice in behavioral health benefits for MassHealth members (House, No. 1924).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill improving access to rehabilitation counseling (House, No. 1926).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to creating a difficult to manage unit within the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 1931).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to inpatient admission to psychiatric hospitals and facilities licensed by the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 1934).

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. 1935, changed in section 2, in line 51, by striking out the word "sheriff" and inserting in place thereof the word "commissioner").

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the civil commitment of women for alcoholism and substance abuse at MCI Framingham (House, No. 1938, changed in section 6, in line 17, by striking out the word "psychology" and inserting in place thereof the word "psychiatry").

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to require equitable payment from the Commonwealth (House, No. 1950).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to substance abuse treatment (House, No. 1955).

Pledge of allegiance.

Plymouth,— election.

Vanessa Williams,— sick leave bank.

Middleborough,— land acquisition.

Sewer assessment,— options.

Bill St. Claire,— sick leave bank.

Laraine Nasif,— sick leave bank.

Patricia Cahill,— sick leave bank.

MassHealth,— benefits.

Rehabilitation counseling.

Mental health,— unit.

Mental health,— admission.

Correctional,— services.

Id.

Medical,— payments.

MassHealth,— treatment.

Mental health,—benefits.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to reimbursement for drugs to treat mental illness (House, No. 1956, changed in line 4 by striking out the words “such as” and inserting in place thereof the word “including”).

Id.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to mental health (House, No. 1957)

Human services,—study.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve providing for and investigation and study by a special commission relative to the intake procedures of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (House, No. 1958)

Mental health,—services.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the Department of Mental Health to study peer run respite services (House, No. 3584).

Mental illness,—hospitals.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill pertaining to people with mental illness in hospital emergency rooms (House, No. 3585)

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

Dennis,—election.
By Mr. Moran of Boston, for the committee on the Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill relative to elections for the Dennis water district (House, No 1140).

Plympton,—election.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill validating the actions taken at the annual town election held in the town of Plympton (printed in House, No. 4286)

Dracut,—special police.
By Mr. Spellane of Worcester, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the appointment of special police officers in the town of Dracut (House, No. 1143) [Local Approval Received].

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

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.
The Senate Bill relative to the appointment of a certain civil service class as firefighters in the city of Boston (Senate, No. 2032), 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.

House bills

Third reading bills.
Authorizing the town of Westborough to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 1891);

Authorizing the town of Westborough to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 1892); and

Establishing a regional wastewater district for the towns of Mansfield, Foxborough and Norton (House, No. 4307) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by the said committee 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.

Mr. Nyman of Hanover then moved that as a mark of respect to the memory of William J. Flynn, Jr., a member of the House from Hanover from 1975 to 1990, inclusive, the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Donato being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.