

Monday, November, 28, 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 Messrs. Hill of Ipswich and Lyons of Andover) congratulating Boxford Chief of Police Gordon Russell on his retirement; and Gordon Russell.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peake of Provincetown) commemorating the tenth anniversary of the We Can Organization; We Can Organization.

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

Reports.

The annual report of the Commissioner of Insurance (under the provisions of Sections 4A of Chapter 175 of the General Laws) relative to the homeowners insurance market in the Commonwealth for the year 2010 [copies of said report forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, the committee on Financial Services and the Attorney General, as required by law]; and Homeowners insurance market.

A quarterly report of the Division of Unemployment Assistance (under the provisions of Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) providing the status and updated projections of the Unemployment Trust Fund for the 2011 through 2015 period; Unemployment Trust Fund.
Severally were placed on file.

Communication.

A communication from the Health Insurance Connector Authority (under the provisions of Section 15 of Chapter 176Q of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to the status and activities of the "Health Connector" for the fiscal year 2010, was placed on file. Health Connector.

Petitions.

Mr. Sánchez of Boston presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey Sánchez relative to the innovative infrastructure investment program; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. Infrastructure investment program.

Infrastructure investment program.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Conference committee.

Subsequently notice was received from the Senate that said branch had insisted on its amendment, concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference; and that Senators Creem, Baddour and Tarr had been appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the retirement of Penny Harvey (House, No. 3730). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Penny Harvey,—retirement.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill relative to budget submissions to the town manager in the town of Arlington (see House, No. 3652) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to 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.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill validating certain votes passed by the town of Athol at the special town meeting held on January 31, 2011 and validating the annual town election held on April 4, 2011 (printed in House, No. 3796), 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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bill.

Order.

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

Next sitting.

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M.; in an Informal Session.

Richmond,—conservation commission.

Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Downing presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3824) of William Smitty Pignatelli, Benjamin B. Downing and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the board of selectmen of the town of Richmond to appoint two alternate members of the conservation commission of said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Charitable organizations,—motor vehicles.

By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ronald Mariano and others relative to the acquisition and use of motor vehicles by charitable organizations for the purpose of transporting senior and disabled citizens.

Senior citizens,—volunteer drivers.

By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ronald Mariano and others relative to the classification of risk for volunteer drivers for non-profit organizations providing transportation options for senior citizens.

Board members,—elections and terms.

By Messrs. Nangle of Lowell and Torrisi of North Andover, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David M. Nangle, David M. Torrisi and Thomas A. Golden, Jr., relative to the appointment, election and terms of office of housing and redevelopment authority board members.

Veterans' remains.

By Mrs. O'Connell of Taunton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Shaunna L. O'Connell and others relative to the disposition of veterans' remains.

Government employees,—public disclosure.

By Mr. Winslow of Norfolk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel B. Winslow relative to the public disclosure of financial interests by certain government employees.

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

Paper from the Senate.

Sentencing reform.

The House Bill relative to sentencing and improving law enforcement tools (House, No. 3818, amended), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2080.

Conference committee.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on further motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Messrs. O'Flaherty, Linsky of Natick and Hill of Ipswich were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.