

Monday, November 30, 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).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer. Gracious God, we pause for a moment of personal reflection and prayer as we focus our thoughts and attention on You and evaluate the meaning and the direction of our own daily lives. We believe that You are with us and watch over us at all times, guide us in our uncertainty and strengthen us as we make our right and ethical decisions. We hope that the unique family spirit and joy of Thanksgiving Day will continue to fill our minds and hearts at all times and in the days ahead. Inspire us to work together in building a society and a culture which appreciates and works towards making our communities peaceful, safe, stable and respectful of the dignity of each individual. May our common cause remain the challenge of understanding the common good and implementing the common good.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and to their families. Amen.

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.

Message from the Governor — Bill Returned with Recommendation of Amendment.

Boston,—land lease. A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill relative to the leasing of certain parcels of land in the city of Boston [see House, No. 4356] (for message, see House, No. 4377) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, November 24.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was thereupon "before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment".

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by His Excellency, the bill was referred, on motion of Mr. Pedone of Worcester, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Message from the Governor — Fiscal Stability Bill Returned with Disapprovals.

Fiscal stability,—section vetoes. A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his disapproval of sections 29, 35B, 44A, 44B and 44C contained in the engrossed Bill establishing fiscal stability measures for fiscal year 2010 [see House, No. 4359, amended] (for message, see House, No. 4373) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, November 24.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Message from the Governor — Veto.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill authorizing the conveyance of certain parcels of land in the town of Sharon [see House, No. 4357] (for message, see House, No. 4378) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, November 24.

Sharon land,—veto.

The message was read; and, under House Rule 12, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being: "Shall this bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of His Excellency the Governor?"

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Hill of Ipswich, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4381) of Bradford R. Hill and Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide for recall elections in the town of Boxford. To the committee on Election Laws.

Boxford,—recall elections.

By Mr. Vallee of Franklin, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4380) of James E. Vallee (by vote of the town) that the town of Medway be authorized to continue the employment of Paul J. Trufant, chief of the fire department of said town. To the committee on Public Service.

Medway,—Paul J. Trufant.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, a petition (subject Joint Rule 12) of Daniel E. Bosley relative to establishing guidelines governing the proper disposal of unused or expired prescription drugs.

Unused prescription drugs.

By Mr. McCarthy of East Bridgewater, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Allen J. McCarthy, Danielle W. Gregoire and Sarah K. Peake for legislation to extend the time within which cities and towns are authorized to mail quarterly tax bills.

Quarterly tax bills.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill reforming the administrative procedures relative to criminal offender record information and pre and post trial supervised release (Senate, No. 2220) (on Senate No. 2210), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Criminal records,—reform.

A report of the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2182) of Marc R. Pacheco and Susan Williams Gifford for legislation relative to the Wareham fire district, and recommending that the same be referred to the Senate committee on Ways and Means.

Wareham,—fire district.

Under Rule 42; the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted, inasmuch as relates to the discharge of the committee.

Reports of Committees.

Electronic products. By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, Nos. 767 and 833, a Bill to require producer responsibility for collection, reuse and recycling of discarded electronic products (House, No. 4374). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Disabled persons. By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, No. 143, a Bill relative to the authority of the disabled persons protection commission pursuant to Chapter 19C (House, No. 4379).

Public building recycling. By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, No. 824, a Bill to require recycling in public buildings (House, No. 4375).

Mercury thermostats. By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 831 and 3556, a Bill prohibiting the sale, installation and disposal of mercury thermostats (House, No. 4376).

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

Agawam,— Joseph Giannetti. By Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 233) of Sean Curran relative to exempting a certain person from mandated barber license requirements.

Insurance commission. By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, for the committee on Financial Services, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 868) of Garrett J. Bradley relative to making the Commissioner of Insurance an elected office.

Id. By the same member, for the same committee, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 874) of William N. Brownsberger, John Hayes and Anne M. Paulsen relative to the funding and staffing of the Division of Insurance.

Id. By the same member, for the same committee, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 995) of Kevin J. Murphy for legislation to establish the office of Commissioner of Insurance as an elected position.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Bills enacted. Relative to the appointment of a certain civil service class as firefighters in the city of Boston (see Senate, No. 2032) (which originated in the Senate);

Relative to the provision of services to the city of Cambridge by the Cambridge Energy Alliance (see House, No. 1916); and

Authorizing the city of Melrose to establish traffic safety zones (see House, No. 4055);

(Which severally originated in the House);

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.

The Senate Bill establishing a land acquisition fund in the town of Middleborough (Senate, No. 2139, amended) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Third reading bill.

House Bills

Authorizing the town of Plymouth to conduct a referendum election on January 19, 2010 (printed in House, No. 4358); Third reading bills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Laraine Nasif, an employee of the Department of Revenue (House, No. 4362);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Patricia Cahill, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (House, No. 4363) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Vanessa Williams, an employee of the Division of Medical Assistance (House, No. 4365);

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.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Bill St. Claire, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4337) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), was read a third time. Third reading bill amended.

Said committee reported recommending that the bill be amended by inserting after the second sentence the following sentence: "Sick leave bank days shall not be used for absences unrelated to the illness or disability that necessitated the establishment of the sick leave bank as determined by the department."; and the report was accepted.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4337, amended) was passed to be engrossed. 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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At twenty-two minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.