

Monday, December 10, 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).

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

Prayer.

Gracious God, we depend upon You and Your guidance as we struggle to analyze and evaluate correctly legislative and administrative issues on the day's agenda. Your assistance enables us to comprehend issues in a clear, accurate and fair manner. Inspire us to reason together as we listen to the insights and the experiences of colleagues and constituents on the matters before us. May we have intellects which are open to new information, new data and truth. In Your goodness, for You are the Ultimate Source of Goodness, teach us to respect the dignity and the rights of all, even in this age of violence and revolutions.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of the House of Representatives, and 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.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Sean Robbins.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth) congratulating Sean Robbins on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Andrew Leonard Bornstein.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Kafka of Stoughton and Galvin of Canton) congratulating Andrew Leonard Bornstein of Stoughton on earning the Eagle Scout Award;

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

Papers from the Senate.

North Adams,— tax classification.

A Bill relative to property tax classification in the city of North Adams (Senate, No. 2440) (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.

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

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

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been 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.

Bills

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Dover as the Governor Francis W. Sargent bridge (Senate, No. 2099) (on a petition);

Sargent bridge.

Relative to designating a certain bridge in the town of Medfield as the Senator Leverett Saltonstall bridge (Senate, No. 2303) (on Senate, No. 2100);

Saltonstall bridge.

Designating a certain corner in the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston as the Nicholas G. Beram Veterans Association Corner (Senate, No. 2313) (on a petition);

Nicholas G. Beram,—veterans corner.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill regarding property tax classifications in the city of Medford (House, No. 4403) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Medford,—property taxes.

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

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville, the bill was read a second and (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) a third time forthwith; and it was passed to be engrossed, its title having been changed by said committee to read: "An Act relative to property tax classifications in the city of Medford." Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill relative to the membership of the conservation commission of the town of Carver (Senate, No. 2326) [Local Approval Received] be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Carver,—conservation commission.

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

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill relative to Gary J. Lopes, Jr. an employee of the town of Wareham (Senate, No. 2333) [Local Approval Received] be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Wareham,—Gary J. Lopes, Jr.

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

Emergency Measure.

Michael
McHugh,—
police
exam.

The engrossed Bill authorizing Michael McHugh to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (see House, No. 4271), 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 4 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 Resolve.

Resolve
passed.

The engrossed Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to examining hygienic procedures relative to band instruments (see House, No. 413, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed Bills.

Bills
enacted.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town of Ashburnham to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see Senate, No. 2271);

Authorizing the Wachusett Regional School District to borrow money for the cleanup of oil contamination and related costs (see Senate, No. 2322);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Relative to the articles and by-laws of cooperative housing corporations (see House, No. 1224);

Prohibiting certain multiple office holdings in the town of Burlington (see House, No. 3946); and

Authorizing a superannuation retirement allowance for Leo Senecal (see House, No. 4139);

(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.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill relative to the transfer of title to condominium units (House, No. 1246) (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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At eighteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Fesolo of Worcester (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until a quarter after twelve o'clock; and at twenty-nine minutes after twelve o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair. Recess.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill relative to the licensing of mortgage loan originators (see House, No. 4407), 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. Loan originators.

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 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Relative to property tax classification in the city of North Adams (see Senate, No. 2440) (which originated in the Senate); and Bills enacted.

Relative to property tax classifications in the city of Medford (see House, No. 4403) (which 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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at one o'clock P.M. Next sitting.

At twenty-seven minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Wednesday next at one o'clock P.M., in an Informal Session.