

Thursday, December 13, 2012.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Kafka of Stoughton 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. Kafka), 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 Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Norma J. Cronin on the occasion of her retirement from the town of Medfield; Norma J. Cronin.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Garlick of Needham and Winslow of Norfolk) congratulating John Gorman Powers on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; John Gorman Powers.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Garlick of Needham and Winslow of Norfolk) congratulating Andrew John Sullivan on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Andrew John Sullivan.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Francis Zachary Gjeltema on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America; and Francis Zachary Gjeltema.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Michael Eby on his retirement from the Permanent Building Committee in the town of Wellesley; Michael Eby.

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

#### *Petition.*

Representative Collins of Boston and Senator Hart presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nick Collins and John A. Hart, Jr., for legislation to regulate the granting of temporary licenses for the sale of wines at auctions; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. Auctions,—  
liquor  
licenses.

#### *Paper from the Senate.*

A Bill authorizing the town of Webster to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2468) (on Senate bill No. 2307) [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. Webster,—  
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Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Wolf of Cambridge, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

*Reports of Committees.*

Firearms,—  
license  
renewal.

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of George N. Peterson, Jr., and others relative to firearms license renewal. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Billerica,—  
civil  
service.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill exempting the position of building maintenance craftsman in the police department of the town of Billerica from the civil service law (House, No. 4507) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

Laura  
Flowers,—  
sick leave.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Laura Flowers, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 4538). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

Fall River,—  
Andrews  
bridge.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Fall River in honor [sic] Army Specialist Scott A. Andrews (House, No. 4506). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Retail  
stores.

By Ms. Forry of Boston, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on House, No. 989, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning retail store issues (House, No. 4539). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

*Engrossed Bills.*

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Establishing a special reserve fund in the town of Millville (see Senate, No. 1879, amended) (which originated in the Senate); Bills enacted.

Authorizing property tax exemptions for rental properties in the town of Truro restricted as affordable housing (see House, No. 3489); and

Relative to wastewater treatment in the city of Fall River (see House, No. 4430);

(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.*

Senate bills

Authorizing the town of Ashburnham to dispose of certain equipment (Senate, No. 2271); and Third reading bills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Susan Sciola, an employee of the Department of Revenue (Senate, No. 2454, amended);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

House bills

Relative to health insurance benefits in the city of Lawrence (House, No. 3857); Id.

Providing for recall elections in the town of Wales (House, No. 4281);

Establishing a library building fund for the town of Wales (House, No. 4282) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Authorizing the town of North Andover to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4308);

Regulating portable electronics insurance (House, No. 4351);

Authorizing the city of Easthampton to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4494); and

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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.

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The House Bill providing incentives for productive workers compensation audits (House, No. 4357) (its 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.

Workers compensation,— audits.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Wagner of Chicopee moved to amend it in section 1, in line 8, by striking out the word “shall” and inserting in place thereof the word “may”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4357, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Sudbury,—  
selectmen.

The House Bill increasing board of selectmen membership in the town of Sudbury from three to five (House, No. 4528) (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.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Conroy of Wayland moved to amend it by striking out section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, section 1 shall take effect upon the approval by a majority of registered voters in the town of Sudbury voting on this question at the next ensuing election held as part of the annual town meeting. Upon such approval, additional selectmen shall be elected at either the annual election of 2014 or through a special election, which may be called by the board of selectmen or shall be called by the board of selectmen upon the request in writing of 10 per cent of the total number of registered voters of the town. If the election is held as part of the annual election in March 2014, 3 selectmen shall be elected, 1 for 2 years and 2 for 3 years, with their terms expiring on the last day of the appropriate annual town meetings, and thereafter electing their successors for 3 years. If a special election is held prior to the March 2014 annual election, 2 selectmen shall be elected, 1 for a term of not more than 2 years, ending no later than the last day of annual town meeting in 2015, and 1 for a term of not more than 3 years, ending no later than the last day of annual town meeting in 2016, and thereafter electing their successors for 3 years. Said election shall occur no later than the election held as part of the annual town meeting in 2014.”

The amendment was adopted, and the bill (House, No. 4528, 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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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At twenty-one minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Kafka of Stoughton being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.