

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, December 14, 2006.

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:

Eternal God, at the beginning of today's legislative session, we pause for a moment of reflection and meditation. We focus our thoughts and attention on You, Our Creator, to organize today's priorities and to clarify our principles and values, human and spiritual. We pray for Your guidance and assistance in our common effort to build peaceful, safe, stable and prosperous communities. Let not the worldwide violence against innocent children, women and men lessen our respect for the dignity and importance of human life. Grant us the wisdom and courage to offer You and constituents our best and most sincere efforts as elected leaders.

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

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:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kujawski of Webster) honoring the Bartlett Junior-Senior High School boys' varsity soccer team on winning the 2006 Massachusetts Division III State Championship; and

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. O'Brien of Kingston and deMacedo of Plymouth) congratulating Kevin J. Arruda on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

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

Petition.

Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rachel Kaprielian relative to the the establishment of a sick leave bank for Michael F. Leavitt, an employee of the Department of Mental Retardation; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, 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 Ms. Kaprielian, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2007 to provide funding to support pandemic disease preparation and response in the Commonwealth (House, No. 5349) 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 2759, as amended.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy, the amendment was considered forthwith.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the amendment; and the report was accepted.

Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop then moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendment with further amendments by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5368; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2007 to provide funding to support pandemic disease preparation and response in the Commonwealth and certain other matters."

The further amendments were adopted. The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendments.

Bills

Relative to landscape sprinkler systems (Senate, No. 2762) (on Senate bill No. 2272); and

Providing relief to certain flood victims (Senate, No. 2763) (on a part of Senate bill No. 2412);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills

Regulating the sewerage facilities and betterments in the town of Millbury (Senate, No. 2735) (substituted for a report of the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, ought not to pass under Joint Rule 10.) [Local Approval Received];

Amending the charter of the city of Northhampton to include 2 elected members of the community preservation committee (Senate, No. 2739, amended in section 3, in line 4, by striking out the words "at every biennial municipal election" and inserting in place thereof the words "every fourth year") (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Exempting the position of Chief of Police in the town of Shrewsbury from the civil service law (Senate, No. 2749) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Designating the Broadway Bridge in South Boston as the James M. Kelly Bridge Boston (Senate, No. 2761) (on a petition);

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.

Shrewsbury,
police chief.

James M.
Kelly
Bridge.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill directing the State Retirement Board to retire James J. Cahill, a firefighter of the city of Boston (House, No. 4420) ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill directing the State-Boston Retirement Board to retire James J. Cahill, a firefighter of the city of Boston (House, No. 5366).

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land in the town of Milford (House, No. 5174) ought to pass with an amendment in section 1, in line 4, by striking out the following: "40J" and inserting in place thereof the following: "40I".

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

By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill empowering the Secretary of Public Safety to establish regulations relative to the issuance of police identification cards (Senate, No. 2746) ought to pass.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill to protect tropical rain forests by restricting state purchases of certain wood products (House, No. 3521) ought to pass.

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

By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill for a special law re: the salaries of the members of the Boston Licensing Board (House, No. 5337) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 3072, a Bill relative to mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers (House, No. 5367).

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robert O'Haver, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 5355).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for William Lewis, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 5360).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Meridyth L. Reith, an employee of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Fire Marshal (House, No. 5361).

Boston,
James J.
Cahill.

Milford,
land
conveyance.

Police IDs,
regulations.

Tropical
rain forests,
protection.

Boston
Licensing
Board,
salaries.

Mortgage
lenders.

Robert
O'Haver,
sick leave.

William
Lewis,
sick leave.

Meridyth L.
Reith,
sick leave.

Pandemic
disease.

Sprinkler
systems.

Flood
relief.

Millbury,
sewerage
facilities.

Northampton,
preservation
committee.

Michael Rafferty, sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michael Rafferty, an employee of the Department of Corrections (House, No. 5362).

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Bills enacted.

Relative to vacation accrual rate of Donald J. Castle, an employee of the Trial Court (see Senate, No. 2105);

Relative to the taxation of forest, farm, and recreation land (see Senate, No. 2683);

Increasing the number of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the city of Boston (see Senate bill printed as House, No. 5341);

(Which severally originated in the Senate); and

Relative to the town manager of the town of Weston (see House, No. 4861) (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.

Orders of the Day.

Senate bills

Third reading bills.

Authorizing the town of Arlington to issue certain temporary loans in anticipation of bonds (Senate, No. 2579, changed); and

Further regulating parking for handicapped persons (Senate, No. 2647);

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, in concurrence.

House bills

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Authorizing the town of Westborough to release an easement over land (House, No. 4862);

Relative to the stabilization fund of the town of Hopkinton (House, No. 4868);

Exempting the position of deputy police chief in the town of Hingham from the civil service laws (House, No. 5036);

Establishing a golf course capital improvement fund in the town of Dennis (House, No. 5087);

Validating the action taken at the town election held by the town of Lanesborough (printed in House, No. 5121); and

Relative to town meeting votes in the town of Lexington (House, No. 5137);

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 Senate Bill further regulating access to birth certificates (Senate, No. 2690), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Birth certificates, access.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Mr. Golden of Lowell moved that it be amended in section 1 by striking out clause (1) and inserting in place thereof the following clause:

“(1) make available for inspection at the offices of the state registry the birth certificate prior to adoption which indicated the prior legal parent or parents listed on the initial birth certificate of if there has been more than 1 adoption, the birth certificate prior to the first adoption which indicates the biological parent or parents listed on the initial birth certificate.”; and in section 4 (as printed) by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

“Section 31. The registry of vital records and statistics, subject to appropriations, shall establish and maintain an adoption contact information registry for the purpose of connecting parents listed on the initial birth certificate to any of their children who were adopted by others. The adoption contact registry shall at minimum be capable of recording updated address and other information supplied by parents and adoptees needed for one to contact the other.”.

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2690, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Arlington to issue certain temporary loans in anticipation of bonds (see Senate, No. 2579, changed) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be 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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Ordered. That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At two minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.