

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, December 18, 2008.

Met at twelve minutes after 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).

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.

Greenfield,
charter.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to the charter of the town of Greenfield (House, No. 5171) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, December 16.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Guests of the House.

Paul
D'Amore.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced Mr. Paul D'Amore of Boston. He was the guest of the Speaker.

Edward A.
LeLacheur.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Golden of Lowell) declared a brief recess and introduced former Representative Edward A. LeLacheur of Lowell. He was the guest of the Chair and the entire Lowell delegation.

Resolutions.

Mr. Golden of Lowell being in the Chair,—

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

Colby
Crossman.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford) congratulating Colby Crossman on earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Brett
Flaherty.

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Thomas
Merolli.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford) congratulating Thomas Merolli on earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Nicholas
Schofield.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford) congratulating Nicholas Schofield on earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Matthew
Vincent.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford) congratulating Matthew Vincent on earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Brett A.
Ewer.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) congratulating Brett A. Ewer of Norfolk upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout; and

Geoffrey C.
Ward.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) congratulating Geoffrey C. Ward of Medfield upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

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

Order.

The following order (filed by Mr. Verga of Gloucester) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered. That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs be granted until be granted until Wednesday, December 31, 2008, within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 5146.

Veterans and
Federal Affairs
committee,
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committees on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Verga, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

A report of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to an inspection of the Suffolk County Jail, in the city of Boston, was spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

Suffolk
County
Jail,
inspection.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the charter in the town of Auburn (House, No. 5155) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Auburn,
town
charter.

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. Jones of North Reading, 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 the sale of alcoholic beverages in the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 2881) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Somerville,
liquor
licenses.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Spellane 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 House Bill validating the actions taken by the town of Webster open town meeting and establishing a charter for the town of Webster (printed in House, No. 5133) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Webster,
town
charter.

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

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

The House report of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the recommitted petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5021) of Alice Hanlon Peisch (by vote of the town) that the town of Weston be authorized to issue a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises to Josiah Smith Tavern and Barn, was considered forthwith, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley.

Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the petition was recommitted, on further motion of the same member.

Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Golden of Lowell being in the Chair,—

Engrossed bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Sharon Brady (see Senate, No. 2891) (which originated in the Senate); and

Designating a certain bridge in the city of Medford as the Sergeant Anthony P. Annino Bridge (see House, No. 4962) (which originated in the House);

In respect to each of which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The engrossed Bill further regulating fees for justices of the peace (see Senate, No. 801) (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.

The engrossed Bill conveying certain property in the city of Worcester to Community Healthlink, Inc. (see Senate, No. 2838) (which originated in the Senate), which had been determined by the House committee on Bills in the Third Reading to not come under the provisions of Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, 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.

Orders of the Day.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

The Senate Bill further regulating rates of pilotage and pilot requirements (Senate, No. 515, amended), 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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment previously adopted by the House.

Senate bills

Regulating public entities licensed by the department of telecommunications and energy (Senate, No. 2469);

Designating a certain education center on Chickatawbut Hill in Milton as the Norman Smith Environmental Education Center at Chickatawbut Hill (Senate, No. 2720);

Relative to the sewer system of the town of Ware (Senate, No. 2731);

Establishing a revolving fund in the town of Ware (Senate, No. 2732); and

Increasing the membership of the Board of Selectmen in the town of Newbury (Senate, No. 2802);

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

Relative to the District Court of Malden (House, No. 1408);

Exempting the school custodians in the town of Hadley from the civil service law (House, No. 4419);

Authorizing the appointment of Darryl Sencabaugh for the position of fire fighter in the town of Wilmington (House, No. 4841) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to illegal parking in bus stops (House, No. 4891);

Authorizing a long-term lease between the city of Cambridge and the Mt. Auburn Memorial Post No. 8818, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Inc. (House, No. 4945) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Relative to the municipal government of the city of Chicopee (House, No. 5128);

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.

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.

At two minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (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.

Third
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bills.

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Next
sitting.

Weston,
Josiah Smith
Tavern.

Bills
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Bill
enacted.

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Third
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bill.