

Friday, December 21, 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.

God, Our Creator, during these busy pre-Christmas days of celebration and gift giving, we pause briefly to think about You and spiritual realities. Christmas season is a time for joy, happiness and hope for the future as well as a time to reflect on the meaning of Christmas. Christians around the world remember and celebrate the birth of the Christ Child in Bethlehem. The spirit of the day and season reminds us of the needs of all members of the one human family. At this time we also pray for true peace in all parts of the world and an end of violence against innocent people.

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

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

Housing corporations.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill relative to the articles and by-laws of cooperative housing corporations [see House, No. 1224] (for message, see House, No. 4445) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday December 20.

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. Golden of Lowell, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Resolutions.

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

Andrew Clinkman.

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

Adam Klein.

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Benjamin Swartout.

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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. Bosley of

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

Petition.

Mr. Bosley of North Adams presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel E. Bosley relative to the growth of the commercial cruise ship industry in the designated port area of the South Boston waterfront; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

South
Boston
waterfront.

Papers from the Senate.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to establishing and funding the Massachusetts broadband institute (House, No. 4311), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had non-concurred with the House in its reference to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, and that it had been referred, in non-concurrence, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Broadband
institute.

On motion of Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, the House then receded from its reference; and the message was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kevin J. Fitzgerald, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2441) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Rushing of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Kevin J.
Fitzgerald,—
sick leave
bank.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill relative to the Salem State College Assistance Corporation (see Senate, No. 2242), 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.

Salem State
College
Assistance
Corporation.

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.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to the mortgage industry (see House, No. 4385, amended), 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.

Mortgage
industry.

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.

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 in favor of Burton W. Gerrig, Esquire (see House, No. 1382) (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.

Bill
re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to the licensing of mortgage loan originators (see House, No. 4407, amended) (which originated in the House) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed bills

Bills
enacted.

Relative to the Old King's Highway Regional Historic District (see House, No. 1997);

Relative to the Jacob Sears Memorial Library (see House, No. 3787);
and

Authorizing the town of Aquinnah to grant licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises in restaurants with seating capacities of not less than 15 (see House, No. 4179);

(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.

House bills

Third
reading
bills.

Relative to the issuance of an all alcohol beverage license in the city of Easthampton (House, No. 4176);

Authorizing the town of Harwich to acquire certain cemetery property (House, No. 4255); and

Relative to the land acquisition and maintenance fund of the town of Eastham (House, No. 4256);

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,—

Next
sitting.

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2007.

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At ten minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.