

Monday, December 21, 2009.

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, at the beginning of today's legislative session on the first day of the workweek and the first day of the winter season, we turn our attention to You, Our Creator and to spiritual values and concepts. We pray for the wisdom to keep our personal agenda and priorities in clear focus for this and every day. The spirit of the season is filled with joy, goodwill towards all and peace of mind and soul. The Christmas season and spirit also reminds us of our material and spiritual blessings which we enjoy as citizens of this country and commonwealth. Teach us to share these blessings with others. In these uncertain and uneasy times, inspire us to continue to work together in proposing legislation and programs which will serve the best interests of the people and society today and for the future. May we continue to build confidence and trust in each other and in our basic and fundamental interests and principles by our commitment to high principles and ideals.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for John Bevelacqua, an employee of the Department of Energy Resources (House, No. 4263) came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in lines 7 to 9, inclusive, striking out the following: "for the period of August 21 to September 8, 2009 when he was absent from work because of illness and not compensated."

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, the amendment (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

William Sinclair, — sick leave bank. The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Bill St. Claire, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4337, amended) came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2233; and striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act establishing a sick leave bank for William Sinclair, an employee of the Department of Correction."

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield, the amendments (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Uxbridge as the Titus Ebbeling Memorial Bridge (Senate, No. 2159) be scheduled for consideration by the House. Uxbridge,— Titus Ebbeling bridge.

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

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to the appointment of special police officers in the town of Dracut (House, No. 1143) be scheduled for consideration by the House. Dracut,— special police.

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

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to the Yarmouth Marina (House, No. 4321) be scheduled for consideration by the House. Yarmouth Marina.

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

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill naming the inpatient library at the Corrigan Mental Health Center (House, No. 4364) be scheduled for consideration by the House. Corrigan Mental Health Center.

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

Orders of the Day.

House Bills Designating a certain traffic circle in the city of Lowell as the Mickey Ward Rotary (House, No. 4204) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); Third reading bills

Authorizing the town of Winchester to issue one additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises to Sakura Japanese Restaurant (House, No. 4345); and

Validating a certain vote taken by the town of Belmont (printed in House, No. 4389) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by the said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading
bill amended.

The House Bill relative to qualified financial contracts (House, No. 993) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4399), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measures.

Vanessa
Williams,—
sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Vanessa Williams, an employee of the Office of Medicaid (see House, No. 4365), 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 10 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 Bills.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill validating a certain vote taken by the town of Belmont (see House bill printed in House, No. 4389) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted (more than two-thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same); and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bills
enacted.

Engrossed bills
Designating a certain bridge in the town of Raynham as the SFC Jared C. Monti bridge (see Senate No. 2177); and
Designating a certain bridge in the city of Taunton as the SSG Adelino Paulo bridge (see Senate No. 2178);
(Which severally originated in the Senate); and
Establishing the office of treasurer-collector for the town of Whitman (see House No. 1920) (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.

Next
sitting.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At ten minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.