
Tuesday, December 27, 2011.

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).

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. Pledge of allegiance.

Guest of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced United States Marine Corps First Lieutenant Timothy Harvey of Blackstone. Lieutenant Harvey was accompanied by Senator Richard T. Moore. He was the guest of the Speaker and the entire membership of the House of Representatives. Lieutenant Timothy Harvey.

Communication.

A communication from Northeastern University (under Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1986) relative to the lease entered into by and between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Northeastern University for the University Boathouse, was placed on file. Northeastern University Boathouse.

Petition.

Mr. Murphy of Burlington presented a petition (subject Joint Rule 12) of Charles A. Murphy and others relative to residential and business owners' property rights; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. Property owners,—rights.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill relative to Gold Star Family vanity registration plates (Senate, No. 2096), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means. Gold Star Family license plates.

A Bill requiring authorization by a town meeting vote of certain contracts made by the town of Middleborough regarding the sale by the town of water or wastewater (Senate, No. 1948) [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. Middleborough,—contracts.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Thomas P. Kennedy and Geraldine M. Creedon for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Christine McDonnell, an employee of the Department of Correction, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service. Christine McDonnell,—sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2098) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

Disabilities support.— 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 Carolyn C. Dykema and others relative to the registration of persons supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Health. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Breakthrough seizures.— By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill to protect patients from breakthrough seizures (House, No. 585).

Schools,— epinephrine.— By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to access to epinephrine in schools (House, No. 594).

Personal care,— training.— By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to provide personal care attendant orientation program (House, No. 599).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Revere,— precincts.— By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill relative to voting precincts in the city of Revere (House, No. 3782) [Local Approval Received].

Randolph,— Bowley bridge.— By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain state owned bridge in the town of Randolph as the Charles L. Bowley memorial bridge (House, No. 1815).

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

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted.— The engrossed Bill relative to town elections in the town of Sturbridge (see Senate, No. 1947) (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.

Recess.

Recess.— At twenty-five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until the hour of twelve o'clock noon; and at that time the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Emergency Measure.

Probate code.— The engrossed Bill further regulating the probate code (see House, No. 3780, 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.

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 5 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 House) 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. DeLeo of Winthrop,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

Mr. Kuros of Uxbridge then moved that as a mark of respect to the memory of Thomas E. "Tim" Creighton, a member of the House from Uxbridge from 1969 to 1976, inclusive, the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at eighteen minutes after 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 the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.