

Friday, December 28, 2007.

Met according to adjournment, at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Smizik of Brookline 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, as the current year draws to a close and a new year is about to dawn, we offer thanks to You for our material and spiritual blessings and gifts and seek Your guidance in the months ahead. We pray that our hearts and minds will be filled with hope, enthusiasm, happiness and trust in the new year. As elected leaders in these uncertain and violent times, help us to dialogue with and learn from the people whom we represent. Inspire us to plan and to work together in a common effort to make our communities safe, peaceful and prosperous for all people in our districts. Inspire us to continue our great tradition to respect the dignity and human, civil and religious rights of all individuals. A happy New Year to all.

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. Smizik), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

*Resolutions.*

Rae Brightman.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth) congratulating Rae Brightman on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Statement of Representative Haddad of Somerset.*

A statement of Ms. Haddad of Somerset was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

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MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was not present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Tuesday, November 20, 2007 due to illness. Any roll calls that I may have missed that day was due entirely to the reason stated.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of William C. Galvin and Brian A. Joyce that the Secretary for Administration and Finance be directed to designate the use of certain land abutting Route 95 or Dedham Street in the town of Canton for civic, recreational or social purposes. To the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. Canton,—  
Route 95  
land.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of William Smitty Pignatelli for legislation to designate the bridge over Route 7 in the town of Sheffield as the Veterans Memorial Bridge; and Sheffield,—  
Veterans  
Bridge.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of William C. Galvin and Brian A. Joyce for legislation to regulate the granting of permits by the Highway Department for the interchange project at routes 93 and 95 located in the towns of Canton, Dedham and Westwood; Canton,  
Dedham  
and  
Westwood,—  
interchange.

Severally to the committee on Transportation.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, 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 Bradley H. Jones, Jr., for legislation to increase the distribution of funds from the State Lottery to the cities and towns of the Commonwealth. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Lepper of Attleboro, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Lottery  
aid,—  
distribution.

By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill further regulating the granting of temporary licenses for the sale of wines at auctions (Senate, No. 2405) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Wines,—  
sale at  
auctions.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville, the bill (having been 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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to comply with the federal Adam Walsh Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (House, No. 4352, changed) ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4448). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendment pending. Adam  
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Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill (having been 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, its title having been changed by said committee to read: "An Act relative to complying with the Federal Adam Walsh Protection and Safety Act.". The bill (House, No. 4448) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Foster  
children,—  
placement.

By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to comply with federal Safe and Timely Placement of Foster Children Act of 2006 and the Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006 (House, No. 4353, changed) ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4449). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendment pending.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Lepper of Attleboro, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville, the bill (having been 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, its title having been changed by said committee to read: "An Act relative to complying with the federal Safe and Timely Placement of Foster Children Act of 2007 and the Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006.". The bill (House, No. 4449) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Supplemental  
appropriations.

Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House No. 4382, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2008 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4447) [Cost: \$62,306,635.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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. Lepper of Attleboro, the bill was read a second and (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) a third time forthwith; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Recess.*

At two minutes after one o'clock P.M., the Chair (Mr. Smizik of Brookline) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at eighteen minutes after three o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Smizik in the Chair. Recess.

*Emergency Measures.*

The engrossed Bill further regulating the granting of temporary licenses for the sale of wines at auctions (see Senate, No. 2405), 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. Wines,—  
sale at  
auctions.

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 2 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 establishing a sick leave bank for Kevin J. Fitzgerald, an employee of the Department of Correction (see Senate, No. 2441), 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. Kevin J.  
Fitzgerald,—  
sick leave  
bank.

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.

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 making appropriations for the fiscal year 2008 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 4447), 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. Supplemental  
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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 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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At twenty-one minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston, the House adjourned.

[Under the provisions of Article X of the Amendments to the Constitution, the 2007 session of the General Court was dissolved on the day next preceding the first Wednesday of January, without any proclamation or other act of the Governor.]

Attest:

STEVEN T. JAMES,  
*Clerk.*