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Thursday, September 21, 2023.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington) declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, a delegation from Ireland. Mr. Garballey then turned the gavel over to Mr. Murphy of Weymouth who offered welcoming remarks to the delegation.

Delegation
from Ireland.

The attendees from Cork County included Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr Frank Flynn and Mary Flynn, Tim Lucey, Chief Executive Cork County Council, Cllr Danny Collins, Cllr Patrick Gerard Murphy and Coleman Sullivan, Cllr Caroline Cronin, Cllr Anthony Barry, Cllr Alan Coleman, Cllr Michael Hegarty, Cllr Joe Carroll, Mairead Lucey, Senior Executive Officer Cork County Council, Lisa O'Reardon, Communication Officer Cork County Council, Rose Carroll, Tourism Officer Cork County Council and Mary Hickey, Senior Staff Officer Cork County Council.

The attendees from Kerry County included Mayor of County Kerry Councilor Jim Finucane and Sheila Finucane, Chair of Kenmare Municipal District Councilor Norma Moriarty, Councilor Martin Grade, Councilor Patrick Connor Scarteen, Chief Executive Kerry County Council Moira Murrell and Director of Economic and Community Development Kerry County Council Niamh O'Sullivan.

Also in attendance were Kelly Sullivan, granddaughter of Albert Sullivan, the youngest of the 5 Sullivan brothers. The five brothers were World War II sailor brothers of Irish American descent from Waterloo, Iowa, who were serving together on the light cruiser USS Juneau, were all killed in action during and shortly after its sinking around November 13, 1942 and Patrick Teahan, cousin of Governor Maura Healey.

They were the guests of Speaker Mariano and Representatives Michael J. Moran of Boston and Murphy of Weymouth.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess, and introduced Natalie O'Meara from County Cork, Ireland. She was the guest of Representatives McGonagle of Everett, Giannino of Revere, and Kilcoyne of Clinton.

Natalie
O'Meara.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Capano of Lynn) congratulating the Nahant Village Church on its two hundredth anniversary;

Nahant
Village Church.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Somerset Musictown Festival in celebrating fifty years;

Somerset,—
festival.

Resolutions (filed by Representative McKenna of Webster) congratulating the Sutton Historical Society, Inc. on the two hundredth anniversary of the construction of the General Rufus Putnam Building in the town of Sutton; and

Sutton,—
Rufus Putnam
Building.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Williams of Springfield, Fluker Oakley of Boston, Worrell of Boston, Rogers of Cambridge and Holmes of Boston) commending the Massachusetts Sickle Cell Association for recognizing September 2023 as Sickle Cell Awareness Month;

Sickle Cell
Awareness
Month.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, 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. Donato of Medford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Gregoire of Marlborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Danielle W. Gregoire relative to a sales tax exemption for certain disabled veterans with purple heart license plates.

Veterans,—
sales tax
exemption.

By Representative LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf, James J. O'Day and Robyn K. Kennedy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Anthony Fannoh, Jr., an employee of the Department of Mental Health.

Anthony
Fannoh,—
sick leave.

By Representative Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marc T. Lombardo relative to eligibility for the emergency housing assistance program.

Emergency
housing.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry relative to survivor benefits for the spouses of retired state troopers.

State police,—
spouses.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, 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:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Andrew Limeri relative to software legal agreements; and

Software legal
agreements.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to the responsible use of certain advanced robotic technologies;

Advanced
robotics.

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Mathew Blazis, an employee of the Worcester county sheriff's office (see Senate, No. 2386, 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.

Mathew
Blazis,—
sick leave.

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.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Provincetown to continue the employment of Michael Trovato (Senate, No. 1642), 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.

Third
reading
bill.

House bills

Relative to property tax classifications in the city of Watertown (House, No. 2910);

Third
reading
bills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Paul O'Brien, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4083); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Matthew McRae, an employee of the department of state police (House, No. 4085) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by 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.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Hull to lease certain property and to extend leases on certain property to promote economic development and the more effective use of town property (House, No. 2083), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Hull,—
economic
development.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4099), which was read.

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

The House Bill to designate the state highway Route 9 bridge between Belchertown and Ware as the Kenneth J. Iwasinski Memorial Bridge (House, No. 4008) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by the said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Belchertown
and Ware,—
bridge.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Pebody moved to amend it by striking out section 3; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to designate forthwith a bridge in the towns of Belchertown and Ware, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4008, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Provincetown to continue the employment of Michael Trovato (see Senate, No. 1642) (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

Bill
enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At twenty-three minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.