

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, September 5, 2006.

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:

God, Our Creator, we take a moment to thank You for our many daily material and spiritual blessings. As the summer season draws to a close we are grateful for the many happy and restful vacation days which we enjoyed with family and friends. Today across the land a new academic year begins for our young people. We pray that all students will benefit from their educational opportunities and all teachers will be filled with enthusiasm and patience in the classroom. May we, as a society, hold in high esteem the values and principles which contribute to the building of a stable and peaceful society.

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

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.

Appointment of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Mr. Mark E. Reynolds to the MassHealth Payment Policy Advisory Board, established pursuant to subsection 16M of section 3 of chapter 58 of the Acts of 2006.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Casey of Winchester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5284) of Paul C. Casey (by vote of the town) that the town of Winchester be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5286) of Peter V. Kocot (by vote of the town) that the town of Hatfield be authorized to establish procedures for the recall of certain public officials of said town; and

By Mr. Murphy of Burlington, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5287) of Charles A. Murphy and Robert A. Havern (by vote of the town) relative to referendum petitions and procedures in town meetings in the town of Burlington;

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Rehoboth,
agriculture
council.

By Mr. Travis of Rehoboth, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5288) of Philip Travis and James E. Timilty (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish an agricultural and natural resources preservation council in the town of Rehoboth. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Housing,
smoking
prohibit.

By Mr. Hall of Westford (by request), petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William H. Thompson for legislation to prohibit smoking in buildings owned or managed by public housing authorities or agencies.

Wilmington,
Darryl
Sencabaugh.

By Mr. Miceli of Wilmington, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr and Charles A. Murphy (by vote of the town) that the Personnel Administrator of the Commonwealth be directed to certify Darryl Sencabaugh as a fire fighter in the town of Wilmington.

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

Papers from the Senate.

Patricia
Miller,
sick leave.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the Department of Social Services (Senate, No. 2665, amended in the second sentence, by striking out the words “department of correction” and inserting in place thereof the words “department of social services” and by adding at the end thereof the following sentence: “Whenever Patricia Miller terminates employment with the department or requests to dissolve the sick leave bank, the balance of sick leave shall be transferred to the extended illness leave bank.”) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills

Charlton,
water and
sewer.

Further regulating sewer connections in the town of Charlton (Senate, No. 2445, changed in section 1 by adding at the end thereof the following sentence: “In exercising its discretion under this section, the Commission shall consider matters involving the capacities and capabilities of the Town’s wastewater treatment plant, sewerage and other infrastructure and equipment, and the desirability of prioritizing connections for commercial and residential properties within the original planned service area, as well as those with on-site septic systems that are in failure or at risk of failing.”) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Charlton,
water supply.

Further regulating water supply connections in the town of Charlton (Senate, No. 2446) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committees.

Pilotage
rates.

By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to rates of pilotage (Senate, No. 2391,

amended) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the town of Norwood to lease certain land (House, No. 5015) [Local Approval Received] be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Norwood,
land.

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

Report of the committee on Election Laws, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on a message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to validating the action taken at the town election held by the town of Lanesborough (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5121).

Lanesborough,
town election.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Paulsen of Belmont, the report was considered forthwith.

Pending the question on acceptance of the report, Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow moved that it be amended by substitution of a Bill validating the action taken at the town election held by the town of Lanesborough (House, No. 5121), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was recommended to the committee on Election Laws.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the state secretary to place a certain question on the official ballot for the state election to be used in the city of Fall River (see House, No. 4874, amended); and

Bills
enacted.

Relating to the procurement and award of contracts for redeveloping a certain public housing project in the city of Boston (see House, No. 5046);

(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.

Senate bills

Relative to medical peer review committees (Senate, No. 2418, amended);

Third
reading
bills.

Exempting Craig Blake of Norton from the maximum requirements for appointment as a firefighter in the town of Norton (Senate, No. 2568);

Authorizing the transfer of certain parcels of land in the city of Taunton (Senate, No. 2666); and

Establishing additional economic target areas (Senate, No. 2673) (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, in concurrence.

Hopkinton,
acquire land.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Hopkinton to acquire certain real property in the towns of Upton and Milford (House, No. 4867) was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Loscocco of Holliston moved that it be amended by adding at the end thereof the following section:

“SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4867, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

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

Next
sitting.

Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater being in the Chair,—

Mr. Donato of Medford then moved that as a mark of respect to the memory of Lawrence F. Bretta, a member of the House from Somerville from 1959 to 1962, inclusive, the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-four minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of the same member (Mr. Flynn being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Friday next at eleven o'clock A.M.