

Thursday, February 22, 2007.

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.

Holy Spirit of God, we depend upon You and Your assistance as we struggle each day to accomplish successfully the variety of tasks on our daily agenda. Your always available help and direction offers us Your gifts of wisdom and knowledge which enables us to do what is right, fair and suitable for these changing times. In addressing the day's legislative and personal challenges and opportunities teach us to be open to all people and their concerns as we try to make our communities safe, peaceful and prosperous. May we respect the human, civil and religious rights of all in this age of violence and terrorism.

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

Messages from the Governor.

Wellesley,—
land
conveyance.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to authorizing the town of Wellesley to convey a certain parcel of land (House, No. 3748) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, February 21.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Municipalities,—
partnership.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to establishing the municipal partnership act (House, No. 3749) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, February 15.

The message was read; and, along with the accompanying draft of a bill, and it was referred, under Rule 30, as follows:

So much as relates to section 30,— to the committee on Education;

So much as relates to sections 9 to 19, inclusive, section 21, and sections 34, 35 and 36,— to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government;

So much as relates to sections 4 to 8, inclusive,— to the committee on Public Service;

So much as relates to sections 1 and 2, section 20, sections 22 to 29, inclusive, and sections 31, 32 and 33,— to the committee on Revenue; and

So much as relates to section 3,— to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Harkins of Needham) honoring Richard W. Gatto for his service as a member and chairman of the Needham Housing Authority; and Richard W. Gatto.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable) congratulating Officer Tony Collado on the occasion of his retirement; Tony Collado.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, 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. Flynn of Bridgewater, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, on a petition, a Bill releasing a non-development covenant restriction on certain land in the town of Leicester (House, No. 19). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means. Leicester,—
development.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a Sick Leave Bank for Kimberly Chuckran, a Word Processing Operator II and employee of the Department of Corrections at Bridgewater Correctional Complex (House, No. 2513). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Kimberly Chuckran,—
sick leave.

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 Hill of Ipswich, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Denise Goodreau an employee of the Department of Mental Retardation (House, No. 2548). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Denise Goodreau,—
sick leave.

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 Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Cheryl L. Traina, an employee of the Department of Revenue (House, No. 3744). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Cheryl L. Traina,—
sick leave.

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 Rush of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill
re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill relating to the railroad depot contamination remediation and redevelopment project in the city of New Bedford (see Senate, No. 7, amended) (which originated in the Senate) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Wellesley,—
group
insurance
fund.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Wellesley to establish a group insurance liability fund (see House, No. 2015) which had been returned to the House by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment (for message, see House, No. 2036), was considered.

The amendment recommended by the Governor then was adopted in the following form (as approved by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading):

In section 2 by adding at the end thereof the following sentence: “Adjustments to the town’s limit on property taxes shall be computed as though the town has passed capital outlay exclusions under paragraph (i½) of section 21C of chapter 59 of the General Laws.”.

Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill authorizing the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land in the town of Foxborough (House, No. 2020) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Next
sitting.

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

Mr. Linsky of Natick then moved that as a mark of respect to the memory of Joseph M. Connolly, a member of the House from Natick from 1983 to 1990, inclusive, the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at seventeen minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Wolf of Cambridge (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.