

Thursday, May 3, 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:

Eternal God, we take a moment for personal reflection and to offer a prayer to You, Our Creator. We are grateful for Your personal concern for our material and spiritual well-being. We believe that Your assistance is always available to us. We also pray for Your gift of wisdom which enables us to keep personal, legislative and public policy issues, even the most complex, in perspective. Wisdom also helps us to reason clearly with constituents and colleagues as we evaluate and discuss legislation, data and information which comes before us. Prayer.

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. Pledge of allegiance.

Special Communication.

The following communication, together with returns of votes and schedules therein referred to, was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to wit:—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

April 25, 2007.

To the Honorable House of Representatives:

I have the honor to lay before you the returns of votes cast at the special election held in this Commonwealth on the seventeenth day of April, 2007, for Representative in General Court, 14th Worcester District, together with schedules showing the number of ballots which appear to have been cast for each person voted for. Returns of votes for Representative,—Fourteenth Worcester District.

These returns have been duly canvassed by the Governor and Council, and are now transmitted for examination by the House of Representatives, as required by the Constitution.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The communication was read; and, there being no objection, it was placed on file.

Member Qualified.

Representative
James J.
O'Day of
West Boylston.

The Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) announced that Representative James J. O'Day of West Boylston, on Wednesday, May 2, in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, before His Excellency the Governor and His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and in the presence of the members of the Honorable Council, the Speaker and members of the House and Senate, had taken and subscribed to the necessary oaths of office; and was now duly qualified as a member of the House of Representatives.

Representative O'Day had been assigned Seat No. 67 by the Speaker.

Resolutions.

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

Ethiopia.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brownsberger of Belmont) memorializing Congress to demand that Ethiopia meet its obligations under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

Dudley-Gendron
American
Legion Post.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Callahan of Sutton, Frost of Auburn and Peterson of Grafton) congratulating the Dudley-Gendron American Legion Post on the occasion of its sixtieth anniversary;

Matthew P.
Camara.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fagan of Taunton) congratulating Matthew P. Camara on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Public
Service.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford and other members of the House) commending the work of public employees and commemorating Public Service Recognition Week, May 7-13, 2007;

Frederick E.
Berry.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Grant of Beverly) congratulating Frederick E. Berry on receiving the Beverly Democratic City Committee's Distinguished Democrat Award;

Kyle Joseph
Rapoza.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Kyle Joseph Rapoza on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Westford Water
Department.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hall of Westford) in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the Westford Water Department;

Michael
Fox.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating Michael Fox of Sharon on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Helen
Hansen.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Kafka of Stoughton and Galvin of Canton) congratulating Mrs. Helen Hansen of the town of Stoughton;

John A.
Moretti.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Kafka of Stoughton, Barrows of Mansfield and Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating John A. Moretti on his retirement from the Mansfield school system;

Robert
Parsons.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Kafka of Stoughton and Galvin of Canton) congratulating Mr. Robert Parsons of the town of Stoughton;

South Shore
Natural Science
Center.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Nyman of Hanover) congratulating the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell on the occasion of its forty-fifth anniversary;

Peter
Foley.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Peisch of Wellesley and Richardson of Framingham) honoring Weston High School Athletic Director Peter Foley on a remarkable career;

- Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Trevor C. O’Leary on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Trevor C. O’Leary.
- Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Gregory H. Stravinski on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Gregory H. Stravinski.
- Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Benjamin F. Zaehring on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Benjamin F. Zaehring.
- Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough, Barrows of Mansfield and Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating Alex Proal on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Alex Proal.
- Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rice of Gardner) recognizing Tanya Barnett for distinguished community service; Tanya Barnett.
- Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vallee of Franklin and other members of the House) recognizing Multiple Sclerosis Week May 14-18, 2007; and Multiple Sclerosis Week.
- Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Walrath of Stow) congratulating Eric Arntzen on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Eric Arntzen.
- 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. Peterson of Grafton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following order (filed by Mr. Jones of North Reading) was adopted:

Ordered, That the House of Representatives hereby calls for a joint session of the two Houses, conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXXXI) of the Amendments to the Constitution, for the purpose of considering the proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution establishing an independent redistricting commission and criteria for redistricting for State House Representatives, Senate, and Councilor Districts (House, No. 661),— with reference to which the committee on Election Laws has reported, in accordance with Joint Rule 23, that the amendment ought NOT to pass [Senators Augustus, Spilka and Brown and Representatives Eldridge of Acton, Rogeness of Longmeadow and Frost of Auburn dissenting]. Redistricting.

The following order (filed by Mr. Kaufman of Lexington) was adopted:

Ordered, That the House of Representatives hereby calls for a joint session of the two Houses, conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXXXI) of the Amendments to the Constitution, for the purpose of considering the proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to a vacancy in the office of Governor or Lieutenant-Governor (House, No. 664),— with reference to which the committee on Election Laws has reported, in accordance with Joint Rule 23, that the amendment ought to pass [Senator Creedon dissenting]. Governor or Lieutenant Governor,— vacancy.

The following order (filed by Mr. Jones of North Reading) was adopted:

Economic development.

Ordered, That the House of Representatives hereby calls for a joint session of the two Houses, conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXXXI) of the Amendments to the Constitution, for the purpose of considering the proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution prohibiting eminent domain takings for the purpose of economic development (House, No. 1497),— with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported, in accordance with Joint Rule 23, that the amendment ought to pass.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Gardner,— liquor licenses.

By Mr. Rice of Gardner, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4006) of Robert L. Rice, Jr., and Robert A. Antonioni (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Gardner be authorized to issue three additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Chelmsford,— town charter.

By Mr. Golden of Lowell, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4007) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., and others (by vote of the town) for legislation to make certain changes in the charter of the town of Chelmsford; and

Groton Country Club.

By Mr. Hargraves of Groton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4008) of Robert S. Hargraves (by vote of the town) relative to the Groton Country Club Authority;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Newton,— fire mechanic.

By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4009) of Ruth B. Balser and others (with the approval of the mayor and board of aldermen) for legislation to reclassify the position of dedicated fire apparatus mechanic in the fire department of the city of Newton; and

Gardner,— Jeffrey J. Giles.

By Mr. Rice of Gardner, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4010) of Robert L. Rice, Jr., and Robert A. Antonioni (with the approval of the mayor city council) that Jeffrey J. Giles of the city of Gardner be authorized to take a civil service examination for the position of police officer in said city, notwithstanding the minimum age requirements;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.
Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions (deposited with the Clerk previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, January 10, 2007) were transmitted to the State Secretary under Chapter 3 of the General Laws, as follows:

New Bedford Police Association.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Antonio F. D. Cabral relative to the death benefit paid to beneficiaries upon the death of retired members of the New Bedford police department by the New Bedford Police Association.

Braintree and Quincy,— Fore River.

By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Ronald Mariano and Joseph R. Driscoll relative to the boundaries of a

certain parcel of land on the Fore River and located in the city of Quincy and in the town of Braintree.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of William Smitty Pignatelli that the Department of Agricultural Resources be directed to grant a water supply permit to Daniel and Martha Tawczynski.—
Daniel and Martha Tawczynski,—
permit.

By Mr. Wallace of Boston, petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Brian P. Wallace and Thomas M. Menino that the Department of Environmental Management grant licenses to the Boston Redevelopment Authority to construct, maintain, and repair certain structures shown in the Fort Point Channel Watersheet Activation Plan.
Fort Point
Channel.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Alicea of Charlton, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Geraldo Alicea and others for legislation to protect certain students and clients of public or private institutions from inappropriate sexual contact of employees.
Students,—
protection.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Geraldo Alicea and others for legislation to increase the penalties imposed for rape of mentally retarded persons.
Mentally
retarded,—
rape.

By Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Demetrius J. Atsalis that certain sex offenders assigned to vote in schools or libraries be required to vote by absentee ballot.
Sex offenders,—
voting.

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel E. Bosley and others for legislation to designate Norman Rockwell as the official artist of the Commonwealth.
Norman
Rockwell.

By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Garrett J. Bradley relative to the listings of banking institutions for the deposit of public funds by departments and agencies of the Commonwealth.
Banks,—
public
funds.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Garrett J. Bradley that the Board of Retirement be directed to grant a pension to Tavesri-Jantima Boudreau, widow of Joseph R. Boudreau, a retired state police officer.
Joseph
Boudreau,—
pension.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Garrett J. Bradley for legislation to prohibit Level 3 sex offenders from establishing residences within certain distances of schools.
Sex offenders,—
schools.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others for legislation to require dangerous hearings for criminals charged in certain illegal drug transactions.
Drug dealing,—
hearings.

By Ms. Callahan of Sutton, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jennifer M. Callahan and Richard T. Moore that the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District be authorized to use proceeds from certain bonds for repairs and construction at the high school of said district.
Blackstone
School
District,—
bonds.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jennifer M. Callahan that the Department of Mental Retardation be authorized to establish a sick leave bank for Diane Godin, an employee of said department.
Diane Godin,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian S. Dempsey and others for legislation to designate a certain
Haverhill,—
Emilio Brothers
Bridge.

bridge on Route 110 in the city of Haverhill as the Emilio Brothers Memorial Bridge.

Forest Fire
Control
Bureau.

By Mr. Donelan of Orange, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christopher J. Donelan that the Bureau of Forest Fire Control of the Department of Conservation and Recreation be the liason with the Emergency Management office of the Commonwealth concerning natural disasters.

Sharon
Easter,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Fagan of Taunton, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James H. Fagan and others that the Department of Correction be directed to establish a sick leave bank for Sharon Easter, an employee of said department.

Plastics,—
manufacturing.

By Ms. Flanagan of Leominster, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jennifer L. Flanagan and Robert A. Antonioni relative to the disposition of molds, dies and forms used in the manufacture of plastics.

Veterans,—
retirement.

By Mr. Fresolo of Worcester, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John P. Fresolo that certain retired veterans be entitled to additional benefits under the public employees non-contributory disability retirement law.

Motor homes,—
“lemon law”.

By Ms. Gifford of Wareham, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Susan Williams Gifford and others that purchasers of defective or malfunctioning motor homes be covered under the “lemon law”, so-called.

Carver,—
Southworth and
Garnett Bridge.

By Ms. Gifford of Wareham and Senator Pacheco, joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Susan Williams Gifford and others for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of Carver as the Julian M. Southworth and Nelson J. Garnett Bridge.

Teachers,—
creditable
service.

By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation to provide creditable service for retirement for certain teachers in the public schools in the Commonwealth.

Poet laureate,—
designation.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation to provide for the appointment of a poet laureate of the Commonwealth.

Spouses,—
superannuation
retirement.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation to provide for superannuation retirement for certain spouses of retired public employees.

Businesses,—
funds.

By Mr. Guyer of Dalton, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Denis E. Guyer for legislation to provide economic relief for certain snow-related businesses and the creation of a revenue fund for producers of milk.

Mercury,—
regulate.

By Mr. Hall of Westford (by request), petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard Diaz for adoption of resolutions by the General Court memorializing the Congress of the United States to prohibit the exportation of elemental mercury.

Elderly,—
drug
coverage.

By Mr. Hynes of Marshfield and Senator Hedlund, joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert L. Hedlund and Frank M. Hynes that enrollment for elderly persons in the Prescription Drug Advantage Program and the federal Medicare Part D plan be held during the same period of time.

Liability
companies,—
filing fees.

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., relative to the fees for filing certificates of organization with the State Secretary by limited liability companies.

- By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Louis L. Kafka that health insurance policies be required to provide coverage for the treatment of children with cleft lips and palates. Cleft palate,— insurance.
- By Mr. Kane of Holyoke and Senator Knapik, joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael F. Kane and Michael R. Knapik relative to the retention and expenditure of certain trust funds by the Soldiers' Home of Holyoke. Holyoke,— Soldiers' Home.
- By Mr. Keenan of Salem, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John D. Keenan and others that certain persons present during the abuse of children be required to register as sex offenders. Sex offenders,— registration.
- By Mr. Lepper of Attleboro, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John A. Lepper for legislation to provide for an income tax deduction for the costs expended for long-term care insurance. Long term care,— insurance.
- By Ms. L'Italien of Andover, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Barbara A. L'Italien and others for legislation to provide for certain reimbursements to cities, towns and regional school districts for the cost of transportation of special education students. Special education,— transportation.
- By Mr. Miceli of Wilmington, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James R. Miceli for legislation to designate the elephant as the official mammal of the Commonwealth. Elephant,— official mammal.
- By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James R. Miceli relative to the taxation of certain buildings and property improvements. Real estate,— taxation.
- By the same member (by request), petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Hugh J. Fitzpatrick III for legislation to authorize electronic notarizations by notaries public. Notary public,— electronic validation.
- By the same member (by request), petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael G. Messina that companies issuing insurance policies to homeowners be prohibited from cancelling such policies for harboring certain breeds of dogs. Homeowners,— insurance.
- By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Eugene L. O'Flaherty others for legislation to designate the women's dormitory at the Soldiers' Home of Chelsea as the Christie Serino Ward Area. Chelsea,— Christie Serino Ward.
- By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Eugene L. O'Flaherty relative to the summoning of jurors by the Office of the Jury Commissioner to perform juror services in the courts of the Commonwealth. Juror service,— regulate.
- By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Eugene L. O'Flaherty for legislation to increase the compensation payable to the district attorneys in the Commonwealth. District attorneys,— compensation.
- By Mr. Patrick of Falmouth, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Matthew C. Patrick that tax assessors of cities and towns be directed to determine the fair cash valuation of affordable housing. Affordable housing,— valuation.
- By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Matthew C. Patrick for legislation to designate a certain bridge over the Coonamessett River on Route 28 in the town of Falmouth as the Lieutenant Raleigh D. Costa Memorial Bridge. Falmouth,— Raleigh D. Costa Bridge.
- By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sarah K. Peake that the Teachers' Retirement Board be required to reimburse Thomas P. Johnson for certain interest accrued on retirement fund contributions. Thomas P. Johnson,— state payment.

Insolvency,—
protection.

By Mr. Perry of Sandwich, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cleon H. Turner and Susan Williams Gifford relative to the powers and duties of the Insurers Insolvency Fund concerning claims under workers' compensation policies.

Unlicensed
drivers,—
penalties.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey Davis Perry and others relative to increasing the penalties on unlicensed operators of motor vehicles.

Carmine
Angeloni,—
retirement.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas M. Petrolati relative to the retirement benefits payable to Carmine Angeloni.

Sheffield
Veterans
Bridge.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William Smitty Pignatelli for legislation to designate the bridge over Route 7 in the town of Sheffield as the Veterans Memorial Bridge.

Elected
officials,—
retirement.

By Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and Stephen Stat Smith relative to the granting of retirement credit to certain elected official in cities and towns.

Contract
employees,—
criminal
records.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and others for legislation to make available certain criminal offender record information of certain persons performing contract work with human service agencies.

Thrombosis
Awareness
Month.

By Mr. Puppolo of Springfield, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and others that the Governor of the Commonwealth issue an annual proclamation declaring the month of November as Thrombosis Awareness Month.

Violence
victims,—
safety.

By Mr. Rushing of Boston, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Byron Rushing and others that the Department of Public Health be directed to establish a program providing for the protection and safety of victims of violence.

Special
education,—
due process.

By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tom Sannicandro that parents and guardians of students involved in disputes with the Bureau of Special Education be entitled to fees and costs for attorneys.

Thames
River
Valley.

By Mr. Smola of Palmer and Senator Brewer, joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Todd M. Smola and others relative to the distribution of funds under the compact between the Commonwealth and the State of Connecticut for flood control in the basin of the Thames River.

Liquor
licenses,—
revocation.

By the same members, joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Todd M. Smola and others for legislation to authorize cities and towns to withhold the issuance of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages for non-payment of meals taxes and payment of wages.

Pediatricians,—
state access.

By Ms. Spiliotis of Peabody, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joyce A. Spiliotis that the Commissioner of Mental Health be directed to make an investigation and study relative to access for pediatricians to certain agencies of the Commonwealth under the child psychiatric access project.

Phlebotomists,—
registration.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joyce A. Spiliotis and others for legislation to establish a board for the registration of phlebotomists.

Disabilities,—
lungs.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joyce A. Spiliotis and others that any condition or impairment of health caused by disease of the lungs or respiratory tract be considered

to have been suffered in the line of duty under the public employees disability law.

By Mr. Turner of Dennis, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cleon H. Turner for legislation to further regulate the maintenance of roads, bridges, beaches and other common areas in private subdivisions. Private roads,—
maintenance.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cleon H. Turner for legislation to provide public employee retirement benefits for certain veterans. Veterans,—
retirement
benefits.

By Mr. Wallace of Boston, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian P. Wallace for legislation to make permanent the tax credits granted to the movie industry filming in the Commonwealth. Movie
industry,—
tax credits.

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian P. Wallace for legislation to increase the income tax credit for certain persons involved in the motion picture industry in the Commonwealth. Id.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence:

Ordered, That, conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII (48), as amended by Article LXXXI (81) of the Amendments to the Constitution, a joint session of the two Houses be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at one o'clock P.M., for the purpose of considering proposals for amendments to the Constitution. Constitutional
convention.

Insofar as applicable, the special rules of procedure, in effect in the preceding General Court, shall govern said joint session, and any further sessions called for the purpose of considering amendments to the Constitution.

Bills

Further regulating access to birth certificates (Senate, No. 63, amended by inserting after the enacting clause the following section: Birth
certificates,—
access.

“SECTION 1. Clause Twenty-sixth of section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subclause (p) the following subclause:—

(q) Adoption contact information and indices therefore of the adoption contact registry established by section 31 of chapter 46.”;

In section 1 (as printed), in line 8, by striking out the word “of” and inserting in place thereof the word “or” and, in line 10, by striking out the words “biological parent or parents listed on the initial birth certificate” and inserting in place thereof the words “parent or parents listed on the birth certificate prior to adoption.”;

In section 4 (as printed), in line 24, by striking out the word “birth” and, in line 26, by striking out the words “original birth record” and inserting in place thereof the words “birth certificate registered prior to adoption”;

In section 5 (as printed), in line 28, by striking out the following: “SECTION 31. (a) Section 31.” and inserting in place thereof the following: “Section 31. (a)” and in said section, in lines 37, 38 and 39, by striking out clause (d) as follows:

Birth certificates,—
access.

“(d) The information and indices held by the department of public health with respect to the adoption information contact registry are confidential and shall be exempt from the mandatory disclosure requirements of clause Twenty-sixth of section 7 of chapter 4 and section 10 of chapter 66.”) (on a petition);

Yaniris Cabrera,—
sick leave

Establishing a sick leave bank for Yaniris Cabrera, an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 2181) (on a petition);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills

State parks,—
volunteers.

Relative to volunteers at state parks (Senate, No. 786) (on a petition);

Newton,—
housing authority.

Relative to the Newton Community Development Authority and the Newton Housing Authority (Senate, No. 1162) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Wareham,—
fire district.

Relative to the Wareham Fire District (Senate, No. 1186) (on House, No. 1939) [Local Approval Received];

Middleborough,—
water supply.

Authorizing the town of Middleborough to use a portion of town-owned land for purposes other than water supply protection and storage (Senate, No. 1189) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Brockton,—
Boys and Girls Club.

Relative to property owned by the Boys and Girls Club of Brockton, Inc. (Senate, No. 2175) (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.

School safety.

A report of the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 305) of Gale D. Candaras, Bruce E. Tarr, James E. Timilty, Michael R. Knapik and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to school safety,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Legal immigrants,—
health benefits.

A report of the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 667) of Mark C. Montigny and Steven A. Tolman for legislation relative to restoring health benefits to eligible legal immigrants,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:—

May 1, 2007.

Honorable Salvatore F. DiMasi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Room 356, State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to inform you that the Senate President has announced the following changes in membership of joint committees: Changes in joint standing committees.

Senator Steven Tolman has resigned from the second position of the committee on Health Care Financing and has been replaced by Senator Marc R. Pacheco

Senator Benjamin B. Downing has been appointed to the previously vacant second position on the committee on Higher Education.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. WELCH,
Clerk of the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill requiring public notice prior to restricting MassHealth coverage (House, No. 1167),— and recommending that the same be recommended to the committee on Health Care Financing. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. MassHealth,— notices.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1149) of Peter J. Koutoujian and others relative to the establishment of a commission for the elimination of health disparities within the Executive Office of Health and Human Services,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Health disparities.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, for the committee on Higher Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 714) of Jarrett T. Barrios and Pamela P. Resor for legislation relative to equal higher education opportunity for all Massachusetts high school graduates; and High school graduates.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1197) of Marie P. St. Fleur and others relative to the eligibility of students for in-state tuition rates and fees at public higher educational institutions; Higher education,— tuition rates.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Ways and Means.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence in the discharge of the committee.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill further regulating the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (see House, No. 3967, changed and 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. Discrimination Commission,— regulate.

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.

Bill re-enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment) was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed Bills.

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Bills enacted.

Establishing the Marlborough 2010 Corporation (see House, No. 2029); and

Authorizing the city known as the town of Franklin to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 3962, amended);

(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.

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.

At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Rushing of Boston (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.