

Wednesday, May 30, 2007.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M., in an Informal Session.

At the request of the Speaker, 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

May 23, 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 fifteenth day of May, 2007, for Representative in the General Court, 11th Norfolk 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,— Eleventh Norfolk 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.

His Excellency the Governor, Governor Patrick, accompanied by the Honorable Timothy P. Cahill, Treasurer and Receiver-General of the Commonwealth, and members of the Honorable Council came in, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms; the oath and affirmation required by the Constitution and laws were administered by the Governor to the member-elect then present, and was subscribed by him; after which His Excellency declared that the member was duly qualified to enter upon the discharge of his duties. Representative Paul McMurtry of Dedham,— qualification.

After brief remarks by the newly qualified member, the Speaker assigned Mr. McMurtry to Seat No. 83.

His Excellency the Governor, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, the Honorable Treasurer and Receiver-General and the Honorable Councillors then departed the Chamber under escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Resolutions.

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

Marilyn Godfrey.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Lepper of Attleboro and other members of the House) in recognition of Marilyn Godfrey for sixteen years of dedicated service to the United Way of Greater Attleboro/Taunton;

Andrew Calvario.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough, Barrows of Mansfield and Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating Andrew Calvario on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Connor Litchman.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough, Barrows of Mansfield and Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating Connor Litchman on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

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. DeLeo of Winthrop, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

General Appropriation Bill.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2008 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4001) came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2250; and inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is immediately to make appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and to make certain changes in law, each of which is immediately necessary or appropriate to effectuate said appropriations or for other important public purposes, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, the amendments were considered forthwith.

Committee of conference.

The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendments; and, on further motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. The Speaker appointed Representatives DeLeo, St. Fleur of Boston, and deMacedo of Plymouth, as the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

The House Bill relative to the protection of personal information (House, No. 4018, amended) came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2236; and striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act relative to security freezes and notification of data breaches."

Personal information,— protection.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, the amendments were considered forthwith.

The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendments; and, on further motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. The Speaker appointed Representatives Rodrigues of Westport, Straus of Mattapoisett, and Humason of Westfield, as the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Committee of conference.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2247) of Stanley C. Rosenberg and Ellen Story (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to certain conservation land in the town of Amherst, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Amherst,— conservation land.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow,—

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

Next sitting.

At eighteen minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Petrolati, the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.