

Monday, July 30, 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:

Almighty and Eternal God, Our Creator and Ultimate Destiny, we take this moment to focus our attention on You as we pray for the wisdom, the understanding and the courage to carry out our daily responsibilities. In Your goodness, help us to comprehend clearly the many current needs and the reasonable expectations of our constituents. As elected leaders, teach us to be open to new knowledge and the insights of others in evaluating legislation and proposed legislative programs. Inspire us to live in accord with sound traditional, ethical and religious principles as we strive to make our communities safe, civil and peaceful.

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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Callahan of Sutton) commemorating the two hundred and fiftieth birthday of Waters Farm in Sutton, Massachusetts;

Waters
Farm.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Golden of Lowell) congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Herbert on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary; and

Joseph and
Margaret
Herbert.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Kujawski of Webster and Callahan of Sutton) congratulating Lawrence E. Bombara on being named one of the top ten Leaders of the Year by the American Public Works Association;

Lawrence E.
Bombara.

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 Ms. Provost of Somerville, 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. DeLeo of Winthrop, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill removing an agricultural preservation restriction from a

Raynham,—
Borden
Colony.

portion of real estate in the town of Raynham known as Borden Colony (House, No. 26) ought to pass with certain amendments.

Abandoned
vessels.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to abandoned vessels (House, No. 726) ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4187).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to abandoned vessels (House, No. 3781) ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4188).

Worcester,—
land.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the city of Worcester (House, No. 4063) ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4189).

Marlborough,—
easement.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the easement on land owned by the Department of Conservation and Recreation in the town of Marlborough (House, No. 4064) ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4190).

Severally referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendments pending.

By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the following bills ought to pass:

Birth
certificates.

Bill further regulating access to birth certificates (Senate, No. 63, amended);

Children,—
placement.

Bill further regulating the placement of certain children (Senate, No. 75);

Todd J.
Martinson,—
sick leave.

Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Todd J. Martinson, an employee of the Monson Developmental Center in the Department of Mental Retardation (Senate, No. 1457); and

Sandwich,—
land
exchange.

Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to exchange land held for conservation and recreation purposes with the Nye Family of America Association, Inc. (Senate, No. 2210);

Severally referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Boston,—
garages.

By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to garages in the first fire zone of the city of Boston (House, No. 4167) [Local Approval Received].

Burton W.
Gerrig.

By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, for the committee on Ways and Means, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Burton W. Gerrig, Esquire (House, No. 1382).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measures.

Daniel
Curran,—
sick leave
bank.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Daniel Curran, an employee of the Department of Correction (see Senate, No. 2280), 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.

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 5 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.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for John J. Bish, an employee of the East Brookfield Division of the District Court Department (see Senate, No. 2285, 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. John J. Bish,—
sick leave
bank.

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 6 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.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill relative to security freezes and notification of data breaches (see House, No. 4144, amended) (which originated in the House) (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. Bill re-enacted.

Engrossed bills

Further regulating sewer connections in the town of Charlton (see Senate, No. 1152, amended); and Bills enacted.

Further regulating water supply connections in the town of Charlton (see Senate, No. 1153);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

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,—

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

At twenty-eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.