

Monday, August 20, 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, at the beginning of today's legislative session, we thank You for our countless daily material and spiritual blessings. These gifts, which You offer us, enable us to cope successfully with our many and varied responsibilities. For we believe that You are with us at all times. In these days of possible terrorist actions, teach us to continue to respect the human dignity and rights of all people, which include the youngest person as well as the most senior adult. As elected leaders we struggle to meet the current needs of constituents and our communities by making, to the best of our ability, thoughtful, ethical, honored and courageous decisions.

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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Sannicandro of Ashland, LeDuc of Marlborough, Linsky of Natick and Richardson of Framingham) honoring Kathleen B. Bartolini for a lifetime of public service; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Walsh of Lynn and other members of the House) celebrating the centennial of St. John's Preparatory School;

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

Communication.

A communication from the City Council of the City of Boston submitting a copy of a Resolution of said city council, adopted on August 1, urging the Legislature to take up the criminal offender record information (CORI) program issue during its 2007-2008 session, was spread upon the records of the House; and sent to the Senate for its information.

Paper from the Senate.

Deborah
King,—
sick leave.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Deborah King, an employee of the Department of Mental Retardation (Senate, No. 1644) (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.

Reports of Committees.

Autism,—
Medicaid.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration Of the Bill relative to the children's autism Medicaid waiver (House, No. 493);

Uninsured
motorists.

Of the Bill to discourage uninsured motorists by limiting their bodily injury liability compensation (House, No. 915);

Labor relations.

Of the Bill relative to labor relations (House, No. 2531); and

Fire fighters
and police.

Of the Bill relative to the appointment of firefighters and police officers (House, No. 2696);

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.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill further regulating the placement of certain children (see Senate, No. 75) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Motion to Reconsider.

Birth
certificates,—
access.

Mr. Lepper of Attleboro moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding sitting, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the Senate Bill further regulating access to birth certificates (Senate, No. 63, amended).

The motion to reconsider was placed, under Rule 54, in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting.

Orders of the Day.

Todd J.
Martinson,—
sick leave.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Todd J. Martinson, an employee of the department of mental retardation (Senate, No. 1457), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow moved that it be amended by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the department of mental retardation, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 1457, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Senate bills

Authorizing the town of Ipswich to grant 1 additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2269); and Third reading bills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Rosemary Rozak, an employee of the Department of Revenue (Senate, No. 2302);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Colleen Hanon, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 4183) (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. Third reading bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

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

At twenty-one minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.