

Tuesday, April 19, 2011.

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).

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.

Resolutions.

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

Sarcoma Awareness.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) recognizing May first to May seventh as Sarcoma Awareness Week; and

Cerebral Palsy Association of Berkshire County.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Pignatelli of Lenox, Cariddi of North Adams, Speranzo of Pittsfield and Mark of Hancock) congratulating the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Berkshire County on their fiftieth anniversary;

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, 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. O'Day of West Boylston, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Methuen,—Oakland School.

Mrs. Campbell of Methuen presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3427) of Linda Dean Campbell and Steven A. Baddour for legislation to authorize the city of Methuen to lease the Oakland Avenue School Building to the Islamic Academy for Peace; and the same was referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Polling places.

By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jennifer E. Benson and others relative to the length of time polling places are open.

Retirement,—Groups 1 and 2.

By Mr. Brady of Brockton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael D. Brady relative to the retirement benefits for Group 1 and 2 employees.

Cremation.

By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James M. Cantwell relative to cremation.

Abatements.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James M. Cantwell relative to abatement applications.

Bow hunting.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert Panico relative to bow hunting.

By Mr. Collins of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nick Collins and another relative to cancellation policies by health insurance providers.

Insurance,—cancellation.

By Mr. Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven S. Howitt and others relative to the availability of certain tax information from cities and towns.

Tax information,—access.

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the notification of persons registered as sex offenders.

Sex offenders,—registration.

By Mr. Kane of Holyoke, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael F. Kane (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to police procedures when dealing with criminal street gangs in the city of Holyoke.

Holyoke,—gangs.

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr., relative to the fees for records of hospital patients.

Hospital fees.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert Edwards for legislation to require public and vocational schools to report concussions to the Department of Public Health.

Concussions,—reporting.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William M. Straus for legislation to provide fairer pricing for medical and pharmacy care to uninsured individuals.

Insurance,—pricing.

By Mr. Turner of Dennis (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William B. Saint relative to handicapped parking in municipal parking facilities.

Handicapped parking.

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Martin J. Walsh relative to the disability pension allowance paid to Lawrence W. Finneran of Hanover, a former state police officer.

Lawrence W. Finneran.

By Mr. Walsh of Lynn (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William A. Moschella, Sr., relative to affidavits of qualification for presidential candidates.

Presidential candidates,—qualification.

By Mr. Winslow of Norfolk (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mackenzie Walsh relative to the sale of alcohol on Sundays.

Alcohol,—Sunday sales.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1895) of Katherine M. Clark (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to increase the exemption for residential real property in the city of Malden from 20 per cent to 30 per cent, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.

Malden,—tax exemption.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1897) of Brian A. Joyce for legislation relative to homeowners association. To the committee on Housing.

Home groups,—taxation.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1896) of Eileen Donoghue for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Theresa Hillard. To the committee on Public Service.

Theresa Hillard,—sick leave.

Reports of Committees.

Child care,—
tax credit.

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Tackey Chan for legislation to provide an income tax credit for child care expenses. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measure.

Michelle
Potter.—
sick leave
bank.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michelle Potter, an employee of the Trial Court (see House, No. 517, 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.

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 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill
enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill exempting the position of fire chief and city marshal in the city of Newburyport from the civil service law (see House, No. 1846) (which originated in the House), 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.

Order.

Next
sitting.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.