

Thursday, May 31, 2012.

Met according to adjournment at twelve o'clock noon, 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.

Statement Concerning Representative Creedon of Brockton.

A statement of Mrs. Haddad of Somerset concerning Mrs. Creedon of Brockton was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement
concerning
Mrs. Creedon
of Brockton.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Creedon of Brockton, is unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a previously scheduled medical appointment. Her missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement Concerning Representative Peisch of Wellesley.

Subsequently a statement of Mrs. Haddad of Somerset concerning Ms. Peisch of Wellesley was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement
concerning
Ms. Peisch
of Wellesley.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Peisch of Wellesley, is unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a long standing family commitment. Had she been present she would have voted in the affirmative on Roll Call No. 267 and in the negative on Roll call No. 268. Her missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Resolutions.

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

Ryan
Gagne.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth) congratulating Ryan Gagne on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Daniel
Rourke.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth) congratulating Daniel Rourke on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Stephen D.
Keeler.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Stephen D. Keeler on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Nathaniel I.
Smith.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Nathaniel I. Smith on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Cancer
survivors.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Madden of Nantucket and Vieira of Falmouth) recognizing the National Cancer Survivor Day celebration on June 9, 2012; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Markey of Dartmouth and other members of the House) congratulating Chancellor Jean F. MacCormack on her exemplary career in public higher education on the occasion of her retirement;

Jean F.
MacCormack.

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.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4141) of Sarah K. Peake and Daniel A. Wolf (by vote of the town) relative to amending the charter of the town of Chatham. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Chatham,—
charter.

By Representative Kocot of Northampton and Senator Rosenberg, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4142) of Peter V. Kocot (by vote of the town) that Thomas J. Osley may continue employment with the police department of the town of Hatfield. To the committee on Public Service.

Hatfield,—
Thomas J.
Osley.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John J. Binienda relative to veterans civil service benefits.

Veterans,—
civil service.

By Representatives Turner of Dennis and Peake of Provincetown, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cleon H. Turner and Sarah K. Peake for legislation to authorize retirement benefits to employees of the Orleans, Brewster and Eastham Groundwater Protection District.

Cape Cod,—
Groundwater
Protection
District.

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

Recess.

At five minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at twenty-six minutes after one o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2013 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. 4101), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2275.

General
Appropriation
Bill.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on further

Committee of
conference.

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motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Dempsey, Kulik of Worthington and deMacedo of Plymouth were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Wenham,—
liquor
license.

A Bill relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages in the town of Wenham (Senate, No. 2273) (on Senate bill No. 2231), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of rules, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Gloucester,—
Purple Heart
Highway.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante for legislation to designate a portion of the Route 128 extension in the city of Gloucester as the Purple Heart Highway, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Transportation.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2286) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Transportation.

Reports of Committees.

School
transportation,—
drug and
alcohol
testing.

Report of the committee on Transportation, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3962) of Anne M. Gobi and others for legislation to require drivers employed by companies transporting students to submit to alcohol and drug testing.

Under suspension of the rules, on a motion of Mr. Straus of Matapoisett, the report was considered forthwith. Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the petition was recommitted, on further motion of the same member.

Drivers'
licenses,—
decals.

Report of the committee on Transportation, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3993) of Jay R. Kaufman, Kathi-Anne Reinstein and others for legislation to authorize the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to issue reflective decals indicating that the driver of a vehicle may be the holder of a junior operator's license.

Under suspension of the rules, on a motion of Mr. Straus of Matapoisett, the report was considered forthwith. Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the petition was recommitted, on further motion of the same member.

Education,—
access.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on Senate, No. 238 and House, Nos. 177, 178 and 1949, a Bill relative to student access to educational services and exclusion from school (House, No. 4131).

Special
education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 168, a Bill to provide equal opportunities for special education (House, No. 4136).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1071, a Bill strengthening oversight of the delivery of special education services (House, No. 4137). Special education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1959, a Bill to assist parental choice concerning special education placements (House, No. 4138). Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1083 and 1964, a Bill relative to dropout prevention (House, No. 4140). Dropout Prevention.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Kane of Holyoke, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to the management of town buildings, properties and facilities in the town of Foxboro [sic] (House, No. 4052) [Local Approval Received]. Foxborough,—town management.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill exempting the position of deputy police chief in the town of Duxbury from the civil service laws (House, No. 4026) [Local Approval Received]. Duxbury,—civil service exemption.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a recommitted petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Lowell as the Gentz Brothers Memorial Bridge (House, No. 3951). Lowell,—Gentz Brothers Bridge.

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

Reconsiderations.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding sitting, passed to be engrossed the House Bill reforming election laws (House, No. 4120, amended); and the motion to reconsider prevailed. Election laws,—reform.

Mr. Finn of West Springfield then moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at said sitting, adopted an amendment (offered by him, et als) inserting section 7A; and the motion to reconsider prevailed.

On the recurring question, the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Finn and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 5, in line 35, by striking out the words “state primary preceding a biennial state election,” in lines 37 and 38, and also in line 46, by striking out, in each instance, the words “or a state primary preceding such biennial state election,”; and by inserting after section 7 the following section:

“SECTION 7A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be established an elections task force. (a) Said task force shall undertake a study of the implementation of ss. 3, 4, 5, and 6 of HB 4120. Said study shall include an analysis of : (1) the state and local costs of implementing said proposals, the costs of increasing access to the Central Registry of Voters, and the availability of federal funding through the Help America Vote Act; (2) the administrative requirements for adopting such a system, including their impact upon poll operations and upon the operation of municipal clerks offices on election day; (3) the possibility of fraud; (4) the effects upon finalizing a vote and possible recounts.

Election
laws,—
reform.

(b) The task force shall complete its study and submit its final report in writing to the joint committee on election laws and the state secretary no later than February 1, 2013.

(c) The task force shall consist of the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on election laws; the speaker of the house of representatives or his designee; the president of the senate or her designee; the house minority leader or his designee; the senate minority leader or his designee; the state secretary or his designee; the registrar of motor vehicles or her designee; 3 representatives of the Massachusetts Town Clerks Association, one of whom is the President of the Massachusetts Town Clerk Association (who shall serve as the task force chair), one of whom shall be from a town of between 2,001 and 12,000 inhabitants, and one of whom shall be from a town of 2,000 or fewer inhabitants, 3 representatives of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, one of whom shall be the chief election officer of a city under 100,000 inhabitants, one of who shall be the chief election officer of a city over 100,001 inhabitants; and 1 representative of each of the following groups: the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Chapter of the NAACP, Common Cause, and MassVOTE, and OISTE.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill was passed to be engrossed. The bill (House, No. 4139, published as amended) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Sudbury,—
senior citizen
tax exemption.

Mr. O’Day of Worcester moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding sitting, passed to be engrossed the House Bill authorizing the town of Sudbury to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4062); and the motion to reconsider prevailed.

Pending the recurring question on passing the bill to be engrossed, it was recommitted to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, on further motion of the same member.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Third
reading
bills.

Establishing the Melpet Farm Stable Operations and Improvement Fund for the town of Dennis (House, No. 3845) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Relative to certain reforms to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4125) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Supplemental
appropriations.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2012 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4132), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

After remarks on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill and other members of the House moved to amend it by striking out section 62 (as published); and the amendment was adopted.

Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following six sections:

“SECTION 63. Section 76 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended, by striking out, in line 2, the words ‘and, if requested,’ and inserting in place thereof the following:—, valid photo identification issued by the commonwealth of Massachusetts or the government of the United States, as defined in section 76B, and.

SECTION 64. Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended, by striking out section 76B in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 76B. (a) For the purposes of this chapter, ‘valid photo identification’ shall mean a document that:

(1) shows the name of the individual to whom the document was issued, and the name conforms to the name of the individual’s voter registration record;

(2) shows a photograph of the individual to whom the document was issued;

(3) includes an expiration date, and the document is not expired or expired after the date of the most recent general election; and

(4) was issued by the commonwealth of Massachusetts or the government of the United States.

(b) (1) A person seeking to vote that does not provide sufficient valid photo identification as defined in subsection (a) of this section may be challenged under section 85 of this chapter.

(2) A person seeking to vote that does not provide valid photo identification as defined under subsection (a) of this section may cast a provisional ballot under section 76C.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to deny the rights of any individual who:

(1) is entitled to vote by absentee ballot under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 42 U.S.C. sections 1973ff-1 et seq.;

(2) is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person under section 3(b)(2)(B)(ii) of the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 42 U.S.C. section 1973ee-1(b)(2); or

(3) is otherwise entitled by federal law to vote otherwise than in person.

SECTION 65. Section 76C of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended, by adding after subsection (k) the following new subsection:—

(l) A voter who fails to provide valid photo identification as defined under section 76B and casts a provisional ballot shall be required to provide such identification in person to the city or town clerk, or elections board or commission, of the municipality in which they reside, within 8 business days from the date of the election in which the provisional ballot was cast. A voter who fails to provide such identification in the time specified shall forfeit that vote, and that provisional ballot shall be discarded.

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SECTION 66. Section 92 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended, by adding in line 5, after the words ‘eighty-seven,’ the following words:— as well as enclosing in the same envelope a copy of a valid photo identification as defined in section 76B of this chapter..

SECTION 67. Section 8E of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended at the end of the first paragraph thereof by adding the following:— The Registry shall provide such identification cards at no cost to any applicant who is eligible to vote.

SECTION 68. Section 63, 64, 65, 66 and 67 of this act shall take effect on April 1, 2013.”.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston moved to amend it by adding at the end the following section:

“SECTION 69. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, the provisions of sections 63 to 68, inclusive, shall not take effect until such time as the secretary of the commonwealth, in consultation with the department of revenue, has furnished a study of the impact on the revenue cost to the commonwealth and its cities and towns, including, but not limited to, a distributional analysis showing the impact on municipalities of varying population levels, the current practice of other states, any anticipated change in employment or staffing levels, to the joint committee on election laws.”

After debate on the question on adoption of the further amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Peterson of Grafton; and on the roll call (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair) 105 members voted in the affirmative and 43 in the negative.

[See Ye and Nay No. 267 in Supplement.]

Therefore the further amendment was adopted.

The amendment, as amended, then also was adopted.

Mr. Scibak of South Hadley then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 70. Section 55 of chapter 176 of the Acts of 2011 is hereby amended by striking the words ‘In paying the retirement allowance under the new election, the board, as defined in section 1 of said chapter 32, shall make appropriate adjustments, or arrange for appropriate repayments, upon such terms and condition as the board may prescribe, so as to recover any overpayments resulting from the prior election.’ and inserting in place thereof:—

In paying the retirement allowance under the new election, the board, as defined in section 1 of said chapter 32, shall make appropriate adjustments, or arrange for appropriate repayments, so as to recover any overpayments resulting from the prior election. Any member may make a lump sum payment or installment payments over a period not exceeding five years and may, with the approval of the board, make installment payments over a period exceeding five years.”.

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield then moved to amend the bill in section 2 by striking out item 8100-1001 and inserting in place thereof the following item:

Further
amendment
adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 267.

“8100-1001 provided further that no less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Operation Cutone Springfield Pilot Program \$2,000,000”.

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Scibak of South Hadley then moved to amend the bill in section 2A, in item 1599-7050, by striking out the figures “150,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures “40,000”; and the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Scibak of South Hadley then moved to amend the bill in section 2A, by striking out item 1599-7051 and inserting in place thereof the following item:

“1599-7051 For a reserve to evaluate the retiree health care cost valuation in the Commonwealth; provided, that funds from this items may be used by the Health Care Security Trust for the study of the operation and structure of the group insurance commission or any other aspects of employee healthcare in agreement with section 58 of chapter 176 of the acts of 2011 \$150,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield then moved to amend the bill in section 2 by inserting after item 8910-8700 the following item:

“7007-0953 For Forest Park Zoo for the purposes of promoting private fundraising, achieving self-sufficiency and serving as a catalyst for urban economic development and job opportunities for local residents \$300,000”.

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Bradley of Hingham then moved to amend the bill in section 2 by inserting after item 0340-1198 the following item:

“Office of the Treasurer and Receiver General.

0610-2000 \$250,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. D.Emilia of Bridgewater then moved to amend the bill in section 2 by inserting after item 1599-3384 the following item:

“2000-0100 For a reserve to meet the cost of proactive eradication and control of larvicide mosquitoes, in order to prevent the spread of eastern equine encephalitis in Bristol and Plymouth Counties \$200,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Scibak of South Hadley then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 71. Section 58 of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2011, as amended by section 44 of Chapter 36 of the act of 2012, is hereby further amended by striking the second paragraph and inserting the following paragraph:—

The commission shall consist of 14 members: 1 of whom shall be the secretary of administration and finance, or the secretary’s designee; 1 of whom shall be the treasurer, or the treasurer’s designee; 1 of whom shall be the executive director of the group insurance commission, or

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the director’s designee; 2 of whom shall be private citizens, appointed by the governor, who shall serve as co-chairs of the commission and 1 of whom shall not be a member of any of the 105 contributory retirement systems; 3 members of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader; 3 of whom shall be members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader; 1 of whom shall be selected by the governor from a list of 3 candidates submitted by the president of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO; 1 of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts Municipal Association; and 1 of whom shall be a member of the Retired State, County and Municipal Employees Association of Massachusetts. The commission shall file a report of its recommendations and proposed legislation, if any, with the clerks of the house and senate, the chairs of the house and senate committee on ways and means and the chairs of the joint committee on public service not later than November 30, 2012.”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill then moved to amend the bill in section 2, by inserting after item 2000-0100 (inserted by amendment) the following item:

**“EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

Department of Public Health.

4512-0225 \$270,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

The same member then moved to amend the bill by striking out section 34 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 34. Section 1 of said chapter 176Q, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of ‘Rating factor’ the following two definitions:—

‘Stand alone dental plan’, a non-profit dental service plan offered by a licensed dental service corporation, as those terms are defined in section 1 of chapter 176E, offered independently of a health benefit plan offered through the connector, or offered by (1) an insurer licensed or otherwise authorized to transact accident and health insurance under chapter 175; (2) a nonprofit hospital service corporation organized under chapter 176A; or (3) a nonprofit medical service corporation organized under chapter 176B.

‘Stand alone vision plan’, a non-profit optometric service plan offered by a licensed optometric service corporation, as those terms are defined in section 1 of chapter 176F, offered independently of a health benefit plan offered through the connector, or offered by (1) an insurer licensed or otherwise authorized to transact accident and health insurance under chapter 175; (2) a nonprofit hospital service corporation organized under chapter 176A; or (3) a nonprofit medical service corporation organized under chapter 176B.”;

In section 35, in line 451, in section 36, in line 454, in section 41, in line 475, in section 42, in line 482 and in section 47, in line 508, by inserting after the word “vision”, in each instance, the words “or stand alone dental”; and

In section 59, in line 725, by inserting after the word “services” the words “enumerated in the aforementioned line items”.

The amendments were adopted.

Messrs. Ayers of Quincy and Timilty of Milton then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 72. Section 2 of Chapter 68 of the acts of 2011 is hereby amended in item 7008-0900 by adding the following:— \$50,000.00 for the Jonathan Belcher House in Randolph.”.

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Bastien of Gardner then moved to amend the bill by adding the following three sections:

“SECTION 73. Chapter 148 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Acts of 2010, is hereby amended in section 39 by striking out, in line 10 the following word ‘sparklers,’ and further by striking out, in line 64, the following word ‘birds.’ and adding the following: ‘birds, or (10) sparklers’.

SECTION 74. Chapter 148 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Acts of 2010, is hereby amended in section 1 by adding at the end thereof the following:—

‘Sparklers’, a metal wire or wood dowel that has been coated with a pyrotechnic composition of not more than one hundred grams of pyrotechnic mixture per item, which are non-explosive and non-aerial provided (1) such sparklers do not contain magnesium except for magnalium or magnesium-aluminum alloy, and (2) such sparklers containing any chlorate or perchlorate salts do not exceed five grams of composition per item.

SECTION 75. Section 73 and 74 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 40 members voted in the affirmative and 105 in the negative.

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 268.

[See Yea and Nay No. 268 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett then moved to amend the bill in section 58 (as published) by adding the following paragraph:

“(k) Notwithstanding any provisions in this section to the contrary, upon the expenditure of one hundred million dollars for the green line extension project the secretary of administration and finance and the secretary of transportation shall file a report with the office of the inspector general, house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on transportation and the clerks of the house of representatives and senate that reviews the success of the CM/GC procurement method and certifies their approval of said procurement method for subsequent expenditures or phases of the green line extension project.”.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill (House, No. 4132, amended) then was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Carla Senna, an employee of the Department of Correction (see Senate, No. 2131), 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.

Carla
Senna,—
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 36 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Judith
Christainson,—
sick leave
bank.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Judith Christainson, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Senate, No. 2161, 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 48 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders.

The following order (filed by Mr. Speliotis of Danvers) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Consumer
Protection and
Professional
Licensure,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure be granted until Wednesday, May 30, 2012, within which to make its final report on current House documents numbered 102, 116, 1004, 1016, 1029, 1850, 1883, 1893, 3404, 3405, 3498, 3677, 3760 and 3851, relative to consumer protection and professional licensure related issues in the Commonwealth.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Speliotis, the order was considered forthwith.

Pending the question on adoption of the order, the same member moved to amend it by striking out the date "Wednesday, May 30" and inserting in place thereof the date "Thursday, June 28"; and the amendment was adopted.

The order, as amended, then also was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Next
sitting.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

At twenty-seven minutes after four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.