

Thursday, November, 17, 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).

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.

Silent Prayer.

During the session, at the request of Representative Costello of Newburyport, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silence in respect to the memory of Richard Emmet Sullivan who died yesterday. Richard Emmet Sullivan.

He served as the Mayor of the City of Newburyport from 1978 to 1986, and as President of the Newburyport City Council from 1974 to 1978.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating Fred Neilan on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and Fred Neilan.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Turner of Dennis and other members of the House) congratulating Cape Cod Community College on its fiftieth anniversary; Cape Cod Community College.

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. Linsky of Natick, 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.

Bills

Relative to renewable energy generation on closed landfills (Senate, No. 2074) (on a part of Senate bill No. 2032); and Landfills,—energy.

Improving water safety for children in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2075) (on Senate bill No. 2036); Children,—water safety.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, that the Senate Bill to improve the administration of state government and finance (Senate, No. 1940), ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting Government,—finances.

clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 3814. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means, with the amendment pending.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

House bills

Private roads,—
maintenance.

Relative to the maintenance of private roads, beaches and amenities in municipalities (House, No. 579);

Water Resources
Authority.

Relative to the retirement of certain employees of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (House, No. 2968);

Great
Barrington,—
firefighters.

Authorizing the town of Great Barrington to continue the employment of fire chief, Harry Jennings, and deputy fire chief, Edward G. McCormick (House, No. 3450) [Local Approval Received]; and

Framingham,—
Vilidnitsky
Bridge.

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Framingham as the Greg Vilidnitsky Bridge (House, No. 3572);

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Kafka, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Emergency Measure.

Municipal
treasurers and
collectors,—
residency.

The engrossed Bill eliminating the residency requirement for certain assistant treasurers and assistant collectors (see Senate, No. 1325), 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 6 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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sitting.

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

At sixteen past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M. in an Informal Session.