

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, May 8, 2013.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Kafka of Stoughton 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. Kafka), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pledge of allegiance.

Petition.

Representative Cronin of Easton and Senator Kennedy presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Claire D. Cronin, Thomas P. Kennedy and others for legislation to provide for home modifications and moving expenses for certain victims of the Boston Marathon bombings; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. Marathon bombings,—expenses.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on Senate, No. 925 and House, No. 1858, a Bill to include fire districts (House, No. 1858, changed in section 1, in line 2 and in section 2, in line 8, by striking out the following: "100G" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following: "100G¼"; and in sections 1 to 5, inclusive, by striking out the blank line before the word "Official" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the year "2010"). Fire and water districts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 983 and House, No. 1880, a Bill relative to the maintenance of private roads, beaches and amenities in municipalities (House, No. 1880). Roads,—maintenance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Nantucket to sell, convey or otherwise dispose of certain land situated in the town of Nantucket for any lawful purpose (House, No. 3314, changed in section 1, in line 4, by striking out the word "and" and inserting in place thereof the words "to the Nantucket Land Bank Commission as") [Local Approval Received]. Nantucket,—land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a three-member board of selectmen of the town of Ayer (House, No. 3356) [Local Approval Received]. Ayer,—board of selectmen.

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

Joint Session of the Two Houses to Consider Specific Amendments to the Constitution.

At one minute past eleven o'clock A.M., the two branches met in Joint convention.

JOINT SESSION.

and were called to order by the Honorable Richard T. Moore, who made the following observations:

Joint
convention.

“Pursuant to an order previously adopted, the two houses are in joint session for the purpose of considering various proposals for amendment to the Constitution. The matters that have been called for consideration are now seasonably laid before this session in conformity with the provisions of Articles XLVIII and LXXXI of the Constitution.”

The following legislative proposals for amendments to the Constitution were seasonably laid before the joint session for consideration:

Constitution,—
absentee
voting.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to absentee and early voting (see Senate, No. 12), with reference to which the committee on Election Laws has reported recommending that the amendment ought to pass;

Constitution,—
eminent
domain.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to prohibit eminent domain (see Senate, No. 14), with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported recommending that the amendment ought NOT to pass;

Constitution,—
Executive
Council.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the reform of the Executive Council (see Senate, No. 15), with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported recommending that the amendment ought NOT to pass;

Constitution,—
graduated
income tax.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution allowing for a graduated income tax (see Senate, No 17), having been reported from the committee on Revenue, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 23) (the time within which the committee was required to report having expired);

Constitution,—
rainy day
funds.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to require a supermajority vote for the utilization of rainy day funds (see Senate, No. 18), with reference to which the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight has reported recommending that the amendment ought NOT to pass (Senator Tarr and Representative Orrall of Lakeville dissenting);

Constitution,—
redistricting
commission.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to creating an independent redistricting commission (see House, No. 60), with reference to which the committee on Election Laws has reported recommending that the amendment ought NOT to pass (Senator Tarr dissents);

Constitution,—
office
vacancies.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to vacancies in the office of Governor or Lieutenant-Governor (see House, No. 61), with reference to which the committee on Election Laws has reported recommending that the amendment ought to pass (Senator Tarr dissents);

Constitution,—
absentee
voting.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to absentee voting by qualified voters of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 63), with reference to which the committee on Election Laws has reported recommending that the amendment ought to pass);

Constitution,—
eminent
domain.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to prohibiting eminent domain takings (see House, No. 66), with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported recommending that the amendment ought NOT to pass;

Constitution,—
initiative
petitions.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the subject matter of initiative petitions (see House, No. 67), with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported recommending that the amendment ought NOT to pass; and

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the retirement of judges (see House, No. 68), with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported recommending that the amendment ought NOT to pass; and

Constitution,—
judges.

Without action on the matters duly and constitutionally assigned for consideration, on motion of Mr. Rosenberg, at two minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the joint session was recessed until one o'clock P.M., on Wednesday, October 9, 2013; and the Senate withdrew from the House Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next
sitting.

At three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Kafka of Stoughton being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.