JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, December 16, 2013.

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:

Henry N. Joyce, Jr. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cusack of Braintree) commending Henry N. Joyce, Jr., for his dedicated service to the Braintree Town Council; and

Robert Maiocco. Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Donato of Medford, Garballey of Arlington and Sciortino of Medford) honoring Medford City Councillor Robert A. Maiocco on his retirement after thirty years of public service;

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

Petitions.

Amherst,— Committee for a Better Chance, Inc. Ms. Story of Amherst and Senator Rosenberg presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3817) of Ellen Story and Stanley C. Rosenberg (by vote of the town) that the board of assessors of the town of Amherst be authorized to accept an application for abatement of property tax on behalf of the Amherst Committee for a Better Chance, Inc.; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

James Cooney, sick leave. By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jennifer E. Benson and Jennifer L. Flanagan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for James Cooney, an employee of the Department of Correction; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Trina Higgins, sick leave. The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Trina Higgins, an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 1956) (on Senate bill No. 1951), 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, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1957) of Stephen M. Brewer and Todd M. Smola for legislation relative to net school spending in fiscal year 2014. To the committee on Education.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1958) of William N. Brownsberger and John J. Lawn, Jr., for legislation to restrict the use of certain pesticides around children. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1959) of Brian A. Joyce, Stanley C. Rosenberg, Ruth B. Balser, John F. Keenan and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure parity for mental health and substance abuse treatment. To the committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1960) of Stephen M. Brewer and Todd M. Smola for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Katrina Aliengena, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services. To the committee on Public Service.

School spending.

Pesticides, restrictions.

Mental health, parity.

Katrina Aliengena, sick leave.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the withdrawal of the town of Worthington from the Gateway Regional School District (House, No. 3815) [Local Approval Received], ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kulik of Worthington, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill exempting David Eddy from the maximum age requirement for firefighters in the city of Methuen (House, No. 2226) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kulik of Worthington, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Gateway
Regional
School
District.

Methuen,— David Eddy. Northampton, retirement system.

Framingham,— Robert Tibor. By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill exempting certain employees from the Northampton retirement system (printed as Senate, No. 1894) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Framingham to continue the employment of police officer Robert Tibor (House, No. 3792) [Local Approval Received].

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

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

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tina Giangregorio, an employee of the highway division of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Senate, No. 1863); and

House bills

Residential lots. Insurance. Rainy day funds. Somerset, water service.

Giangregorio,-

sick leave.

Joseph W. Teta, sick leave.

Beth-Ann Litchfield, sick leave To protect residential building lots (House, No. 1165);

Relative to municipal use of insurance proceeds (House, No. 1822); Relative to regional stabilization funds (House, No. 1839, changed); Relative to water service in the town of Somerset (House, No. 3618) [Local Approval Received];

Establishing a sick leave bank for Joseph W. Teta, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 3781); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Beth-Ann Litchfield, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (House, No. 3808);

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

Emergency Measures.

Anne Fiesinger, sick leave. The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Anne Fiesinger, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (see House, No. 3725, 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 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Belmont to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3656); and

Bill enacted.

Third

bills.

reading

Authorizing the town of Burlington to grant additional alcoholic beverages licenses (House, No. 3688, changed);

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. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

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.

Next sitting.

At twelve minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. D'Emilia of Bridgewater (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.