

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, May 13, 2015.

Met according to adjournment, at a quarter before one o'clock P.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.

Petition.

Representative Kafka of Stoughton and Senator Timilty presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Louis L. Kafka, James E. Timilty and William C. Galvin relative to the retirement benefits of the surviving beneficiary of Francis X. Noe; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. Francis X.
Noe,—
benefits.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1882) of Michael J. Barrett, Cory Atkins, James Arciero, Thomas A. Golden, Jr., and others (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Chelmsford to hold licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Chelmsford,—
alcoholic
beverages.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Peter V. Kocot for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Janet Maslowski, an employee of the Worcester County Superior Court. To the committee on the Judiciary. Janet
Maslowski,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Robert A. DeLeo, RoseLee Vincent and Anthony W. Petruccelli relative to the regional public safety communications and dispatch center for the city of Revere and the town of Winthrop. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. Revere and
Winthrop,—
dispatch
center.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and others for legislation to designate the Boston Cream Pie Cupcake as the official cupcake of the Commonwealth. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Boston Cream
Pie Cupcake.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Mahoney of Worcester, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill authorizing the city manager of the city of Worcester to appoint the chair of the Worcester Redevelopment Worcester
Redevelopment
Authority.

Worcester
Redevelopment
Authority.

Authority (Senate, No. 29) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

Thomas J.
Doucette,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Thomas J. Doucette an employee of Department of Corrections [sic] (House, No. 3358). 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.*

Joint
convention.

At two minutes before one o'clock P.M., the two branches met in

JOINT SESSION.

and were called to order by the Honorable Stanley C. Rosenberg, who made the following observations:

“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 the Joint Session in conformity with the provisions of Articles XLVIII and LXXXI of the Constitution.”

Corporate
rights and
political
spending.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to corporate rights and political spending (see Senate, No. 53), with reference to which the committee on Election Laws has reported, recommending that the amendment ought NOT to pass.

Rainy day
funds.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution requiring a supermajority vote for the utilization of rainy day funds (see Senate, No. 61), 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 Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Dubois of Brockton dissenting].

Independent
redistricting
commission.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to creating an independent redistricting commission (see House, No. 567),— with reference to which the committee on Election Laws has reported, in accordance with Joint Rule 23, that the amendment ought NOT to pass.

Corporate
entities,—
rights.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to declare rights afforded to the human inhabitants of the Commonwealth are not applicable to corporations, limited liability companies or any other corporate entities (see House, No. 933),— with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported, in accordance with Joint Rule 23, that the amendment ought NOT to pass.

Judges,—
term
limits.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to term limits for judges (see House, No. 1343),— with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported that the amendment ought NOT to pass.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to prohibiting eminent domain takings (see House, No. 1400),— with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported, in accordance with Joint Rule 23, that the amendment ought NOT to pass. Eminent domain,— prohibit.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the subject matter of initiative petitions (see House, No. 1570),— with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported that the amendment ought NOT to pass [Senators Chang-Diaz and Creem dissenting]. Initiative petitions.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the retirement of judges (see House, No. 1609),— with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported that the amendment ought NOT to pass. Judges,— retirement.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the right to vote for certain incarcerated felons (see House, No. 3350),— with reference to which the committee on the Election Laws has reported, in accordance with Joint Rule 23, that the amendment ought NOT to pass, the time within which the said committee was required to report having expired. Felons,— right to vote.

Without action on the matters duly and constitutionally assigned for consideration, on motion of Mr. Petruccelli, at one minute before one o'clock P.M., the joint session was recessed until one o'clock P.M., on Wednesday, October 21, 2015; 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 one minute after one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.