

Friday, July 19, 2024 (at 11:00 o'clock A.M.).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Statement Concerning Representative Fiola of Fall River.

A statement of Representative Peisch of Wellesley concerning Representative Fiola of Fall River was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MADAM SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Fiola of Fall River, was unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a previously scheduled engagement that she committed to several months ago. If she had been present for the vote on the question on acceptance of the report of the committee of conference on the General Appropriation Bill, she would have voted in the affirmative. Her missing of Roll Call No. 136 today was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement
concerning
Ms. Fiola of
Fall River.

Statement Concerning Representative Gentile of Sudbury.

A statement of Representative Moran of Lawrence concerning Representative Gentile of Sudbury was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MADAM SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Gentile of Sudbury, was unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to previously scheduled personal business. If he had been present for the vote on the question on acceptance of the report of the committee of conference on the General Appropriation Bill, he would have voted in the affirmative. His missing of Roll Call No. 136 today was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement
concerning
Mr. Gentile
of Sudbury.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to strengthening Massachusetts' economic leadership (House, No. 4804), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had insisted on its amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2869) (in which the House had non-concurred).

Economic
leadership.

The bill bore the further endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Finegold, Rodrigues and Durant had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Committee of
conference.

Recess.

At five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M. (Friday, July 19), on motion of Mr. McKenna of Sutton (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at two minutes before two o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2800) of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 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. 4601), reported, in part, a bill with the same title (House, No. 4800) [Total Appropriation: \$58,035,300,660.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Firearm laws.

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

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the report was considered forthwith.

After remarks on the question on acceptance of the report, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 3 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 136](#) in Supplement.]

Conference committee report accepted,—yea and nay No. 136.

Therefore the report of the committee of conference was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2814) of the House Bill to provide for the future information technology needs of Massachusetts (House, No. 4648), reported recommending passage of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4889) [Bond Authorization: \$1,256,989,000.00].

Information technology,—bonds.

Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2484) of the House Bill relative to salary range transparency (House, No. 4109), reported recommending passage of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4890).

Salary range transparency.

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

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 petition of William F. MacGregor that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to release a certain sewer line easement in the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Boston,—easement.

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

The Senate Bill relative to vacancies on the city of Lowell city council and school committee (Senate, No. 2878) [Local Approval Received]; and

The House Bill authorizing the town of Brookline to convey a parcel of land to the Pierce School Building Committee to install subsurface geothermal wells (House, No. 4723) [Local Approval Received];

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

Lowell,—
vacancies.

Brookline,—
geothermal
wells.

Recess.

At twenty-six minutes before three o'clock P.M. (Friday, July 19), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-five minutes after three o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair.

Recess.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 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 (see House, No. 4800), 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 House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

General
Appropriation
Bill.

Bill
enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

Mr. Soter of Bellingham then moved that the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed. Accordingly, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at twenty-five minutes before four o'clock P.M. (Friday, July 19) (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.