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Thursday, May 3, 2012.

Met according to adjournment at one o'clock P.M. (Mr. Rosenberg in the Chair).

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the President handed the gavel to Ms. Creem for the purpose of an introduction. Ms. Creem then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Hatikvah Officers Mission; a project of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies' Boston-Haifa Connection which brings young, active duty IDF Officers from Haifa to Boston to talk about their Israeli identity and experiences. This past week in Boston, these young officers have shared their personal stories in connection with the community commemoration of Yom HaShoah. The Senate welcomed them with applause and withdrew from the Chamber. The group was also guests of Senator Rush.

Communication.

A communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader, announcing the appointment of Ernie Gates of Middleton to the Special Commission established (pursuant to Section 16N of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) to make an investigation and study of the feasibility of reducing or eliminating the contribution made by contributing employers to the Uncompensated Care Trust Fund or any successor fund,-- **was placed on file.**

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Downing, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Benjamin B. Downing for legislation to amend the state highway route 116 scenic byway;

By the same senator, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Benjamin B. Downing for legislation relative to the licensure of insurance adjusters in the Commonwealth; and

By Mr. Welch, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James T. Welch for legislation relative to correctional officer compensation;

Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. DiDomenico, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on Senate, No. 1843, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Community Development and Small Businesses to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to regulating franchise agreements (Senate, No. 2244); and

By Mr. McGee, for the committee on Transportation, on Senate, Nos. 1717, 1776 and 1789, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to

transportation matters (Senate, No. 2245);

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Brewer, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to regional 911 emergency communication districts (Senate, No. 2037),-- **ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2248);**

Referred, under Senate Rule 26, to the committee on Ethics and Rules.

By Mr. Timilty, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on petition, a Bill establishing the 104th fighter wing fire department (Senate, No. 2208);

By Mr. Downing, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on petition, a Bill relative to municipal wholesale electric companies (Senate, No. 2229); and

By Mr. McGee, for the committee on Transportation, on petition, a Bill clarifying the definition of commercial motor vehicles (Senate, No. 1772);

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Richard T. Moore, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Senate Bill relative to home health aides (Senate, No. 1138),-- ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2242) [Estimated cost - \$0]; and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, that the Senate Bill relative to technical changes pertaining to the Board of Registration in Medicine (Senate, No. 1144),-- ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2243) [Estimated cost - \$0];

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Ethics and Rules.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2013 for the maintenance of 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. 4101,-- on House, No. 1, in part),--was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

There being no objection, at one minute past one o'clock P.M., the Chair (Mr. Rosenberg) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, twenty-two minutes before two o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair.

The President, members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered, as follows:

The Senate Bill relative to veterans' access, livelihood, opportunity, and resources (Senate, No. 2193),-- was read a second time.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2241),- was considered.

Remarks of Senator Michael F. Rush

Thank you Madame President and through you to the Members:

I want to thank the Senate President, the Chairman of Ways and Means, the Minority Leader, the Gentleman from the Third Essex and Middlesex District and the members of the Veterans and Federal Affairs Committee for their input during the process of crafting this important piece of legislation.

I believe that one of the most significant pieces of artwork in this State House is the beautifully painted mural in the Memorial Hall. The mural depicts Governor John Andrew standing on the steps of this building welcoming Massachusetts's soldiers' home from Battle in the Civil War. Governor Andrew, one of our most famous "wartime" Governors made many bold and courageous decisions during his time as Governor and strongly supported our sons and daughters of Massachusetts who left the Commonwealth to fight in war.

In an address to the Legislature, Governor Andrew speaking of our service members said, "... the hearts swell with unwonted emotion when we remember our sons and brothers, whose constant valor has sustained on the field during nearly three years of war, the cause of our country, of civilization and of liberty. Our volunteers have represented Massachusetts, during the year just ended, on almost every field and in every department of the Army where our flag has unfurled.... the sons of Massachusetts have borne their part, and paid their debt of patriotism and Valor."

These words of Governor Andrew are as true today as they were in as the day he said them in 1864.

This bill "An Act Relative to Veterans' Access, Livelihood, Opportunity, and Resources" known as the "VALOR" Act is an incorporation of several bills that were heard by the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs during the past year. I am proud of the work of my staff for their tireless efforts in putting together the best possible bill to addresses the many issues that are so important to veterans and their families whose lives are interrupted or affected in various manners by their service in the military.

This bill has 10 distinct provisions. It encompasses some of the best ideas presented by my colleagues in the Legislature and the Veterans of the Commonwealth to assist veterans and their families with employment, education and services at a time when we are seeing an increase of military men and women returning from deployment overseas.

The provisions of the “VALOR” Act include:

Sections 1 through 3 of the bill:

- Expands the scope of assistance the Supplier Diversity Office currently provides to minority-owned and women-owned businesses to include veteran-owned businesses.
- o It also requires the Supplier Diversity Office conduct outreach to service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses interested in providing construction and design services to encourage and facilitate participation by service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses in public projects.

Section 4 of the bill:

- Expands the eligibility for Massachusetts Military Relief Fund to Gold Star Families to all branches of the military.
- o The fund, which derives its funding from a voluntary tax check off on income tax returns, is used to defray the costs of food, housing, utilities, medical services, and other expenses for all post 9/11 Gold Star Families.

Section 5 of the bill:

- Requires the Board of Higher Education to adopt a written policy requiring each public institution of higher education to develop a set of policies and procedures governing the evaluation of a student’s military occupation, training, coursework and experience, in order to determine whether academic credit shall be awarded for such experience, training, and coursework.

Section 6 of the bill:

Massachusetts will join 42 other states in adopting the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

- o The compact seeks to streamline the process for school-aged children of military personnel to transfer between school districts and states. Schools must share records in a timely manner in order to expedite proper enrollment and placement of students and receiving schools must honor placement of the student in educational courses based on the students’ enrollment in the sending state school. Currently there are 2,556 children active duty children based on personal assignment that would benefit from the adoption of this compact.

Section 7 of the bill

- Prohibits local hiring authorities from requesting any military medical records that are not requested by the Commonwealth’s Human Resources Department.

Section 8 of the bill:

- Elimination of the \$2,500 property tax exemption cap that applies to years six and beyond for surviving spouses of a soldier, sailor or member of the National Guard whose death occurred as a proximate result of an injury sustained or disease contracted in a combat zone.

Section 9 of the bill:

- Requires that the commissioner of the Department of Veterans’ Services be a veteran as defined by Chapter 115 of the General Laws

Sections 10 through 13 of the bill:

- Allows a service member on active duty to have at least 90 days after returning from active duty to renew his or license or certificate.

- o The extension shall apply to elevator mechanics, boiler and amusement device inspectors, hoisting licenses, engineering licenses, firemen’s licenses, pipefitters licenses, sprinklerfitters licenses, and refrigeration technician licenses.

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Section 14, 17, 18, and 19 of the bill:

- Requires the Office of Probation to determine whether a defendant is a veteran, on active duty or a person with a history of military service.
- o The defendant may be granted a 14-day continuance by a court in order to determine whether he or she is eligible for a diversion to treatment services. Also the Trial Court must study the intake and review process and disposition, including treatment and diversion options, of veterans facing criminal complaints as well as developing a court training program to assist court personnel in recognizing veterans’ issues and determining the appropriate treatment for veterans with PTSD.

Section 15 of the bill:

- Requires the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, the Executive Office of Administration and Finance and the Department of Veterans’ Services and the Soldier Homes study the fiscal impact of designating a nonprofit entity as a state soldiers’ home to access all federal per diem funds available from the Federal Government.

Section 16 of the bill:

- Establishes a special commission to study and make recommendations relative to the training and the certification, licensure or accreditation of local veteran’s services officers.

** I know there are several amendments before us today but I look forward to hopefully passing a bill which will ensure that Massachusetts remains Number 1 in the nation for caring for our men and women in uniform and their families.

Much like Governor Andrew welcoming the soldiers back to our Commonwealth and thanking them and their families for their sacrifice in 1864, this legislation too is how we as a Commonwealth say thank you in Two Thousand and Twelve to our service members, veterans, and their families. It is a piece of legislation that each and every one of you should be proud of as every member of this body has consistently stood up for service members and their families – Thank you.

On motion of Mr. Hart, the above remarks were ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

After remarks, Mr. Rush moved that the bill be amended by adding a new section:-

“Section 2A. Subsection (f) of section 61 of chapter 7 of the General Laws is hereby amended in line 30 by striking out the word “bank” and inserting in place thereof the words:- “lending institutions”.

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Rush and Tarr moved that the bill be amended in section 3, by striking the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following:- “(i½) SDO shall promulgate regulations to encourage and facilitate participation on public projects for service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses interested in and capable of providing construction and design services on public construction and design projects.”

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Chandler moved that the bill be amended in section 15, in line 633, by adding after the word “home” the following words: “or assisted living facility”, in line 635 by adding after the word “homes” the following words: “or assisted living facilities”, and in line 639 by adding after the word “home” the following words: “or assisted living facility”.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Ross moved that the bill be amended by inserting, after Section XX, the following sections:-

“Section XX. Chapter 21 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after section 3E, the following section:- Veterans, as defined by clause 43, section 7 of chapter 4, shall not be required to pay charges and fees, including day-use parking fees and recreation visitor fees, for entrance to public forest lands and public beaches under the control and care of the department of conservation and recreation.

Section XX. Section 2D of chapter 132A is hereby amended by striking out, in line 16, the words ‘disabled veteran’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Veterans, as defined by clause 43, section 7 of chapter 4.”.

After debate, the amendment was rejected.

Messrs. Tarr, Hedlund, Knapik and Ross moved that the bill be amended by inserting after section 8 the following section:-

“SECTION __. Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 1A the following new section:-

Section 1B. (a) The director and each of the boards of registration and examination under the director’s supervision, shall upon presentation of satisfactory evidence by an applicant for certification or licensure, accept education, training, or service completed by an individual as a member of the armed forces, as defined in clause 43 of section 7 of chapter 4; or the United States military reserves toward the qualifications required to receive the license or certification in question.

(b) The commissioner of public health and each of the boards of registration and examination under the commissioner’s supervision, shall upon presentation of satisfactory evidence by an applicant for certification or licensure, accept education, training, or service completed by an individual as a member of the armed forces, as defined in clause 43 of section 7 of chapter 4, or the United States military reserves toward the qualifications required to receive the license or certification in question.

(c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, if a licensee or certificate holder, pursuant to chapter 112, is engaged in active service in the armed forces of the United States, as defined in clause 43 of section 7 of chapter 4, the license or certification held by a licensee or certificate holder shall remain valid until the licensee or certificate holder is released from active duty and for a period of not less than 90 days following said release.

(d) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of public health and each of the boards of registration and examination under the supervision of the commissioner, shall upon presentation of satisfactory evidence by an applicant for certification or licensure, expedite the issuance of a license or certification to a person: (i) who is certified or licensed in a state other than Massachusetts; (ii) whose spouse is a member of the armed forces in the United States; (iii) whose spouse is the subject of a military transfer to Massachusetts; and (iv) who left employment to accompany the person’s spouse to Massachusetts. The procedure shall include, but shall not be limited to: (v) issuing the person a license or certificate, if, in the opinion of the department, the requirements for licensure or certification of such other state are substantially equivalent to that required in Massachusetts; or (vi) issuing the person a temporary license or certificate to allow the person to perform services while completing any specific requirements that may be required in Massachusetts but were not required in the state in which the person was licensed or certified.

(e) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the director and each of the boards of registration and examination under the supervision of the director, shall upon the presentation of satisfactory evidence by an applicant for certification or licensure, expedite the issuance of a license or certification for a person: (i) who is certified or licensed in a state other than Massachusetts; (ii) whose spouse is a member of the armed forces in the United States; (iii) whose spouse is the subject of a military transfer to Massachusetts; and (iv) who left employment to accompany their spouse to Massachusetts. The procedure shall include, but not be limited to: (i) issuing said person a license or certificate, if, in the opinion of the department, the requirements for licensure or certification of such other state are substantially equivalent to those required in Massachusetts; or (ii) issuing said person a temporary license or certificate to allow said person to perform services while completing any specific requirements that may be required in Massachusetts but were not required in the state in which said person was licensed or certified.”; and by inserting after section 13 the following section:-

“SECTION __. Chapter 147 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 61 the following section:-

Section 62. (a) The commissioner shall coordinate and adopt a uniform policy within the department to, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence by an applicant for certification or licensure under the authority of the department, accept education, training, or service completed by an individual as a member of the armed forces, as defined in clause 43 of section 7 of chapter 4, or the United States military reserves toward the qualifications required to receive the license or certification in question.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, if a licensee or certificate holder, who received a license or certificate under the authority of the department, is engaged in active service in the armed forces of the United States, as defined in clause 43 of section 7 of chapter 4, the license or certification held by a licensee or certificate holder shall remain valid until

the licensee or certificate holder is released from active duty and for a period of not less than ninety days following said release. (c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner shall establish a procedure within the department to, upon the presentation of satisfactory evidence by an applicant for certification or licensure under the authority of the department, expedite the issuance of a license or certification for a person: (i) who is certified or licensed in a state other than Massachusetts; (ii) whose spouse is a member of the armed forces in the United States; (iii) whose spouse is the subject of a military transfer to Massachusetts; and (iv) who left employment to accompany their spouse to Massachusetts. The procedure shall include, but not be limited to: (i) issuing said person a license or certificate, if, in the opinion of the department, the requirements for licensure or certification of such other state are substantially equivalent to those required in Massachusetts; or (ii) issuing said person a temporary license or certificate to allow said person to perform services while completing any specific requirements that may be required in Massachusetts but were not required in the state in which said person was licensed or certified.”

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Tarr, Hedlund, Knapik and Ross moved that the bill be amended in Section 4, in line 24, by inserting after the words “Gold Star Families,” the following:- “or service members deceased in relation to their military service”.

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Tarr, Hedlund, Knapik and Ross moved that the bill be amended by inserting after section 7 the following section:- “SECTION __. Clause twenty-second A of section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following sentence:- No person who has received an exemption under this clause shall be denied the benefit of said exemption because such person returns to active service.”

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Richard T. Moore and Tarr moved that the bill be amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new sections:- SECTION __. Section 40N of Chapter 7 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended, in line 11, after the word “business”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “;”;

In line 11, by inserting after the word “businesses”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses”;

In line 14, by inserting after the word “market”, the following: “; (6) minority, women and veterans business enterprises frequently face special handicaps and problems in achieving viable economic status; (7) the commonwealth is committed to creating a culture of inclusion that values and promotes non-discrimination, equal opportunity and diversity in all aspects of Commonwealth employment, business, programs, activities, and services”;

In line 14, by inserting after the word “end,”, the following: “and in accordance with the powers and duties of the supplier diversity office, as set forth in section 61 of chapter 7;”;

In line 14, after the word “minority”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “businesses;”;

In line 15, by inserting after the word “businesses”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses”;

In line 21, after the words “minority-owned businesses”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “;”;

In line 21, by inserting after the words “women-owned businesses”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses”;

In line 58, by inserting after the word “project.”, a new paragraph as follows: ““Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business”, a business that is verified by the federal government’s Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to the Veterans Benefits, Health Care, and Information Technology Act of 2006, Pub. L. 109-461, the procurement program for verified service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses or veteran-owned small businesses, and determined to be a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern in accordance with 38 CFR Part 74 and Pub. L. 111-275.”;

In line 64, by inserting after the word “commonwealth;”, a new paragraph as follows: ““Supplier diversity office” or “SDO”, shall have the same meaning as found in section 58 of chapter 7.”;

In line 75, after the words “director of the”, by striking out the words “state office of minority and women business assistance, may” and inserting in place thereof: “supplier diversity office, shall”;

In line 77, after the words “minority-owned”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “businesses;”;

In line 78, by inserting after the words “women-owned businesses”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses”;

In line 80, after the words “minority-owned”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “businesses;”;

In line 80, by inserting after the words “women-owned businesses”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses”;

In line 81, by inserting after the words “building projects”, the following: “; and, in no case shall the participation goals established for service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses be lower than the greater of the participation goals established for minority-owned and women-owned businesses”;

In line 82, after the words “minority-owned business”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “;”;

In line 83, by inserting after the word “business”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small business”;

In line 84, after the words “minority-owned businesses”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “;”;

In line 84, by inserting after the words “women-owned businesses”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses”;

In line 89, after the words “minority-owned businesses”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “;”;

In line 89, by inserting after the words “women-owned businesses”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses; however, in no case shall the participation goals established for service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses be lower than the greater of the participation goals established for minority-owned and women-owned businesses”;

In line 89, after the word “the”, by striking out the words “state office of minority and women business assistance” and inserting in place thereof: “supplier diversity office”;

In line 92, after the words “minority-owned businesses”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “,”;

In line 92, by inserting after the words “women-owned businesses”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses”;

In line 94, after the words “minority-owned businesses”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “,”;

In line 94, by inserting after the words “women-owned businesses”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses”;

In line 95, after the word “of”, by striking out the word “SOMWBA” and inserting in place thereof: “SDO”;

In line 100, after the word “of”, by striking out the words “state office of minority and women business assistance” and inserting in place thereof: “the supplier diversity office”;

In line 101-102, after the words “minority-owned businesses”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “,”;

In line 102, by inserting after the words “women-owned businesses”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses”;

In line 108, by inserting after the word “year.”, the following: “The participation goals established for service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses shall be no less than the greater of the participation goals established by the supplier diversity office for minority-owned and women-owned businesses for contracts awarded for capital facility projects and state assisted building projects in the calendar year.”;

In line 110, after the words “minority-owned businesses”, by striking out the words “and for” and inserting in place thereof: “,”;

In line 110, by inserting after the words “women-owned businesses”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses”;

In line 112, after the words “minority-owned businesses”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “,”;

In line 113, by inserting after the word “businesses”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses”;

In line 115, after the words “minority owned businesses”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “,”;

In line 115, by inserting after the words “women owned businesses,”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses”;

In line 119, after the words “minority-owned businesses”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “,”;

In line 120, by inserting after the word “businesses,”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses”;

In line 121, after the words “director of the”, by striking out the words “state office of minority and women business assistance” and inserting in place thereof: “supplier diversity office”;

In line 124, after the words “minority-owned business”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “,”;

In line 125, by inserting after the word “business,”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small business”;

In line 125-126, after the words “minority-owned businesses”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “,”;

In line 126, by inserting after the words “women-owned businesses”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses”;

In line 134, after the words “program, the”, by striking out the words “state office of minority and women business assistance” and inserting in place thereof: “supplier diversity office”;

In line 147, after the word “the”, by striking out the words “state office of minority and women business assistance” and inserting in place thereof: “supplier diversity office”;

In line 155, after the words “minority owned business”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “,”;

In line 155, by inserting after the words “women owned business”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small business”;

In line 156, after the words “minority-owned”, by striking out the word “or” and inserting in place thereof: “business,”;

In line 156, by inserting after the words “women-owned business”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small business”;

In line 159, after the words “minority-owned”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “businesses,”;

In line 159, by inserting after the words “women-owned businesses”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses”;

SECTION __. Section 61 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended, in line 29, after the word “minority”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “,”

In line 29, by inserting after the word “women”, the following: “and veteran”

In line 41-42, after the word “minority”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “,”

In line 42, by inserting after the word “women”, the following: “and veteran”

In line 42, after the word “minority”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “,”

In line 42, by inserting after the word “women”, the following: “and veteran”

In line 57, after the word “persons”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “,”

In line 57, by inserting after the word “women”, the following: “and veterans”

In line 80, after the words “minority-owned”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “businesses,”

In line 80, by inserting after the word “businesses”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses”

In line 82-83, after the words “minority-owned”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “business,”

In line 83, by inserting after the word “business”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small business”

In line 84-85, after the word “minority-owned business”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “,”

In line 85, by inserting after the words “women-owned business”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small business”

In line 86, after the word “businesses”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “,”

In line 87, by inserting after the word “businesses”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses”

In line 104, after the words “minority owned businesses”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “,”

In line 104, by inserting after the words “women owned businesses”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses”

In line 109, after the words “minority owned businesses”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “,”

In line 109, by inserting after the words “women owned businesses”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses”

In line 114, after the words “women-owned businesses”, by striking out the words “or both” and inserting in place thereof: “, service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses, or all three”

In line 116, after the words “minority-owned businesses”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “,”

In line 116, by inserting after the words “women-owned businesses”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses”

In line 118, by inserting after the word “factors”, the following: “and in no case shall the participation goals established for service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses be lower than the greater of the participation goals established for minority-owned and women-owned businesses”

In line 132, after the words “minority owned business”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “,”

In line 132, by inserting after the words “women owned business”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small business”

In line 133, after the words “minority-owned”, by striking out the word “or” and inserting in place thereof: “business,”

In line 133, by inserting after the words “women-owned business”, the following: “or service-disabled veteran-owned small business”;

In line 136, after the words “minority-owned”, by striking out the word “and” and inserting in place thereof: “businesses,”; and

In line 136, by inserting after the words “women-owned businesses”, the following: “and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses”.

After debate, the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Richard T. Moore moved that the bill be amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new sections:-

“SECTION __. Chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after Section 5M, the following new section:-

Section 5N. In any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section, the board of selectmen of a town or in a municipality having a town council form of government, the town council or the mayor with the approval of the city council in a city may establish a program to allow persons who are veterans, as defined in clause forty-third of section 7 of chapter 4, to volunteer to provide services to such city or town. In exchange for such volunteer services, the city or town shall reduce the real property tax obligations of such veteran on his tax bills and any reduction so provided shall be in addition to any exemption or abatement to which any such person is otherwise entitled and no such person shall receive a rate of, or be credited with, more than the current minimum wage of the commonwealth per hour for services provided pursuant to such reduction nor shall the reduction of the real property tax bill exceed \$750 in a given tax year. It shall be the responsibility of the city or town to maintain a record for each taxpayer including, but not limited to, the number of hours of service and the total amount by which the real property tax has been reduced and to provide a copy of such record to the assessor in order that the actual tax bill reflect the reduced rate. A copy of such record shall also be provided to the taxpayer prior to the issuance of the actual tax bill. Such cities and towns shall have the power to create local rules and procedures for implementing this section in any way consistent with the intent of this section. Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit the reduction of workforce or otherwise replace existing staff.

In no instance shall the amount by which a person's property tax liability is reduced in exchange for the provision of services be considered income, wages, or employment for purposes of taxation as provided in chapter 62, for the purposes of withholding taxes as provided in chapter 62B, for the purposes of workers' compensation as provided in chapter 152 or any other applicable provisions of the general laws, but such person while providing such services shall be considered a public employee for the purposes of chapter 258, but such services shall be deemed employment for the purposes of unemployment insurance as provided in chapter 151A.

A city or town, by vote of its legislative body, subject to its charter, may adjust the exemption in this clause by: (1) allowing an approved representative, for persons physically unable, to provide such services to the city or town; or (2) allowing the maximum reduction of the real property tax bill to be based on 125 volunteer service hours in a given tax year, rather than \$750.”

After remarks, the question on adoption of the amendment was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at nine minutes past two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, as follows, to wit (yeas 38 – nays 0) [Yeas and Nays No. 173]:

YEAS

Brewer, Stephen M. Keenan, John F.

Brownsberger, William N. Kennedy, Thomas P.

Candaras, Gale D. Knapik, Michael R.

Chandler, Harriette L. McGee, Thomas M.

Chang-Diaz, Sonia Montigny, Mark C.

Clark, Katherine M. Moore, Michael O.

Creem, Cynthia Stone Moore, Richard T.
DiDomenico, Sal N. Murray, Therese
Donnelly, Kenneth J. Pacheco, Marc R.
Donoghue, Eileen M. Petruccelli, Anthony
Downing, Benjamin B. Rodrigues, Michael J.
Eldridge, James B. Rosenberg, Stanley C.
Fargo, Susan C. Ross, Richard J.
Finegold, Barry R. Rush, Michael F.
Flanagan, Jennifer L. Spilka, Karen E.
Hart, John A., Jr. Tarr, Bruce E.
Hedlund, Robert L. Timilty, James E
Jehlen, Patricia D. Welch, James T.
Joyce, Brian A. Wolf, Daniel A. — 38.
NAYS — 0.
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING — 0.
Berry, Frederick E. — 1

The yeas and nays having been completed at thirteen minutes past two o'clock P.M., the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Richard T. Moore moved that the bill be amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:-
“SECTION __. Section 58 of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 24, after the word ‘examination’, the following:- ; provided, however, that an applicant who was not twenty-one on or before the date of an original examination but has since reached his twenty-first birthday while serving on active military duty shall be eligible for any subsequent make up examination that is offered.”

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Clark moved that the bill be amended in section 14, by striking out, in line 613, the word “clinical”; in section 17, by inserting in after the word “services”, in line 681, the following words:- “and a faculty member at an institution of higher education with an expertise in veteran mental health assessment and treatment”; and in section 18, by inserting after the word “services”, in line 689, the following:- “and a faculty member at an institution of higher education with an expertise in veteran mental health assessment and treatment”.

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Michael O. Moore moved that the bill be amended in section 5, in subsection (a) of proposed section 42 of chapter 15A by adding after the second sentence the following sentence:- “The council may also develop and adopt a written policy requiring each public institution of higher education to develop a set of policies and procedures to standardize credit-by-exam equivalencies for exams funded through the department of defense.”

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the bill be amended by inserting at the beginning thereof the following Section:-

“SECTION __. Section 7 of Chapter 4 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

Fifty-ninth, ‘Active Duty’ as used in Section 2 of Chapter 90 shall mean full-time duty in active military service of the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard or air force of the United States, but shall not include active duty being served for the purpose of training as a reservist in the army national guard or air national guard.”; and by inserting at the end thereof the following section:-
“SECTION __. Section 2 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting, as a new paragraph, after the word ‘registration.’ in line 423 the following language:-

The registrar shall furnish, upon request, to owners of private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles who are residents of the state and serving in active duty as defined in clause Fifty-nine of section seven of chapter four and upon presentation of evidence deemed satisfactory by the registrar, a distinctive emblem to be affixed to the plate that identifies the branch of the armed services in which such owner serves. The registrar may charge a fee directly attributable to the cost of issuance of such emblem, provided however that this fee shall not exceed \$35. Any member of the armed forces who is dishonorably discharged shall return such plates to the registrar not later than thirty days after such discharge. The registrar shall not renew the license plate of a dishonorably discharged armed forces member until confirming that the distinctive emblem is not affixed to the plate.”

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Knapik moved that the bill be amended by adding the following new sections:-

“SECTION 20. The court administrator shall, in consultation with the department of veteran services and the department of children and families, conduct a study and make recommendations relative to legal or physical custody or parenting time during the time a parent is on active military duty. Said study shall include a review of any recommendations provided for by the department of defense, and include an analysis of prohibitions on permanent custody orders during deployment, limitations on the use of past and/or future deployment in making custody determinations, and other protections, including but not limited to expedited custody hearings, delegated custody rights, and electronic testimony and visitations. The court administrator shall file a report with recommendations to the joint committee on the judiciary, the joint committee on veterans and federal affairs by June 1, 2013.”

The amendment was adopted.

The Ways and Means amendment was then adopted, as amended.

The bill (Senate, No. 2241, amended) was then ordered to a third reading and read a third time.

After remarks, the question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at eighteen minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Rush, as follows, to wit (yeas 38 – nays 0) [Yeas and Nays No. 174]:

YEAS

Brewer, Stephen M. Keenan, John F.

Brownsberger, William N. Kennedy, Thomas P.

Candaras, Gale D. Knapik, Michael R.

Chandler, Harriette L. McGee, Thomas M.

Chang-Diaz, Sonia Montigny, Mark C.

Clark, Katherine M. Moore, Michael O.

Creem, Cynthia Stone Moore, Richard T.

DiDomenico, Sal N. Murray, Therese

Donnelly, Kenneth J. Pacheco, Marc R.

Donoghue, Eileen M. Petrucci, Anthony

Downing, Benjamin B. Rodrigues, Michael J.

Eldridge, James B. Rosenberg, Stanley C.

Fargo, Susan C. Ross, Richard J.

Finegold, Barry R. Rush, Michael F.

Flanagan, Jennifer L. Spilka, Karen E.

Hart, John A., Jr. Tarr, Bruce E.

Hedlund, Robert L. Timilty, James E

Jehlen, Patricia D. Welch, James T.

Joyce, Brian A. Wolf, Daniel A. — 38.

NAYS — 0.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING — 0.

Berry, Frederick E. — 1

The yeas and nays having been completed at fourteen minutes before three o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be engrossed, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: "An Act relative to veterans' access, livelihood, opportunity and resources". [For bill, printed as amended, see Senate, No. 2254].

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were severally considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Candaras) "congratulating the Holyoke-Chicopee-Springfield Head Start on its observance of the Third Annual National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hedlund) "congratulating Nicholas Chase on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hedlund) "congratulating Jonathan Hicks on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hedlund) "congratulating Benjamin Murphy on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hedlund) "congratulating Tyler Phillips on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hedlund) "congratulating Alvin 'A.J.' Schneider on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hedlund) "congratulating David 'D.J.' Vallier on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hedlund) "congratulating Joshua Wallace on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka and Mr. Ross) "commending the distinguished service of Vito, Vincent and Daniel Cardellicchio on the dedication of the Cardellicchio Family Square in the town of Natick";

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka and Mr. Ross) "congratulating Grant William Conway on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka and Mr. Ross) "congratulating Daniel Rea on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka and Mr. Ross) "congratulating Jacob Michael Tomaso on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka and Mr. Ross) "congratulating Elijah Aaron Tucker on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout";

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Tarr, Berry and McGee) "commending Healing Abuse Working For Change on its 20 years of outstanding dedication to eradicating domestic violence"; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Timilty) "honoring Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Vetstein on the forty-fifth anniversary of the League School of Greater Boston."

Orders Adopted.

Mr. Brewer offered the following order

Ordered, that, notwithstanding the provisions of Senate Rule 27A, all amendments to the general appropriations bill as reported by the Committee on Ways and Means shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 3:00 P.M. on Friday, May 18, 2012; and be it further ordered that, pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 38B, the general appropriations bill as reported by the Committee on Ways and Means shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for Wednesday, May 23, 2012, for its second reading, as the only item on the calendar.

Under the rules, referred to the committee on Ethics and Rules.

Subsequently, Mr. Berry, for the said committee, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Hart, and, after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Berry, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of John Hart, Jr. for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Brian J. Waldron, an employee of the trial court;

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Chandler, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended;

and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. Brewer, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to acquire certain parcels of land in the city of Worcester (Senate, No. 2029),-- ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft entitled "An Act authorizing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to acquire certain parcels of land in the city of Worcester" (Senate, No. 2250).

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Chandler, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The bill (Senate, No. 2250) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. Brewer, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill clarifying parental rights to unpaid leave (Senate, No. 1863),-- ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft entitled "An Act relative to parental leave" (Senate, No. 2247).

Under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Ethics and Rules.

Subsequently, Mr. Berry, for the said committee on Ethics and Rules, reported that the matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for Tuesday, May 8th.

The bill was placed in the Orders of the Day for Tuesday, May 8, for a second reading, with the amendment pending.

By Mr. Brewer, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to the modernization of optometric patient care (printed as House, No. 2348) (the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets having recommended that the bill be amended by substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2135)),-- ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft entitled "An Act further regulating the practice of optometry" (Senate, No. 2249).

Under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Ethics and Rules.

Subsequently, Mr. Berry, for the said committee on Ethics and Rules, reported that the matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for Tuesday, May 8th.

The bill was placed in the Orders of the Day for Tuesday, May 8, for a second reading, with the amendment pending.

By Mr. Brewer, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill authorizing certain licensees of the Division of Banks to participate in a multi-state licensing system (House, No. 3911),-- ought to pass with an amendment striking out, in line 8, the words "which may include" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "by means of"; and by striking out, in line 114, the words "commissioner of administration" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "secretary of administration and finance"; and by inserting after the word "for", in line 134, the following words:- "the sharing of regulatory information and for the licensing and application, by electronic or other means, of"; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:-

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to authorize forthwith the participation of the division of banks in a multi-state licensing system, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience".

Under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Ethics and Rules.

Subsequently, Mr. Berry, for the said committee on Ethics and Rules, reported that the matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for Tuesday, May 8th.

The bill was placed in the Orders of the Day for Tuesday, May 8, for a second reading, with the amendment pending.

Orders Adopted.

Mr. McGee offered the following order:

Ordered, That notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Transportation be granted until Friday June 1, 2012 within which to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1728, 1730, 1733, 1757, 1762, 1778, 1793, 1797, 1801, 1802, 1804, 1805, 2024, 2041 relative to transportation matters.

Under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently, Mr. Berry, for the said committees, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. McGee, and after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Mr. McGee offered the following order:

Ordered, That notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Transportation be granted until Friday June 1, 2012 within which to make its final report on included Senate documents 1746, 1780, 1792, 1798 relative to transportation

matters

Under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.
Subsequently, Mr. Berry, for the said committees, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted.
The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. McGee, and after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted.
Sent to the House for concurrence.

Mr. McGee offered the following order:

Ordered, that notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Transportation be granted until Friday June 1, 2012 in which to make its final report on current the Senate document numbered 2171.
Under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.
Subsequently, Mr. Berry, for the said committees, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted.
The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. McGee, and after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted.
Sent to the House for concurrence.

Mr. McGee offered the following order:

Ordered, that notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Transportation be granted until Friday June 1, 2012 in which to make its final report on current the Senate document numbered 2218.
Under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.
Subsequently, Mr. Berry, for the said committees, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted.
The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. McGee, and after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted.
Sent to the House for concurrence.

Ms. Clark offered the following order:

Ordered, that, Notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10 the Joint Committee on Revenue be granted until June 1, 2012 within which to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1485 and 1521 relative to revenue.
Under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.
Subsequently, Mr. Berry, for the said committees, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted.
The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Clark, and after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted.
Sent to the House for concurrence.

Ms. Creem offered the following order:

Ordered, that notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the Committee on the Judiciary be granted until June 8, 2012, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 689, 691, 693, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 729, 730, 731, 732, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 976, 1227, 1712, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1953, 2012, 2040, 2061, and 2160, relative to the Judiciary.
Under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.
Subsequently, Mr. Berry, for the said committees, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted.
The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Creem, and after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted.
Sent to the House for concurrence.

Mr. Downing offered the following order:

Ordered, that, Notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy be granted until June 15, 2012 within which to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1656, 1699, and 1670 relative to telecommunications, utilities and energy.
Under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.
Subsequently, Mr. Berry, for the said committees, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted.
The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Downing, and after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted.
Sent to the House for concurrence.

Mr. Downing offered the following order:

Ordered, that, Notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy be granted until June 15, 2012 within which to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1650, 1673, 1681 and 1693 relative to bottle deposit law expansion.
Under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently, Mr. Berry, for the said committees, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Downing, and after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted. Sent to the House for concurrence.

Mr. Pacheco offered the following order:

Ordered, that, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the joint committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture be granted until Friday, June 15, 2012 to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 353, 360, 371, 1686, and 1854; and current House documents numbered 251, 253, 267, 1142, 1146, 1159, 1163, 1166, 1170, 1990, 2751, 3276, 3407, and 3669 relative to environment, natural resources and agriculture issues.

Under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently, Mr. Berry, for the said committees, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Pacheco, and after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted. Sent to the House for concurrence.

Mr. Wolf offered the following order:

Ordered, that, Notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the Committee on Labor and Workforce Development be granted until Wednesday, June 20, 2012 within which to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 932 and 957 and current House documents numbered 1391, 1412, 2293, 2296, 2298, 2874, 3546 relative to labor issues.

Under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently, Mr. Berry, for the said committees, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Wolf, and after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted. Sent to the House for concurrence.

Mr. Timilty offered the following order:

Ordered, that, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security be granted until Wednesday, June 20, 2012 within which to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1210 and 1251 and current House documents numbered 648, 660, 1550, 1553, 1558, 2406, 3371, and 3548 relative to fire prevention systems.

Under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently, Mr. Berry, for the said committees, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Timilty, and after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted. Sent to the House for concurrence.

Mr. Timilty offered the following order:

Ordered, that, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security be granted until Wednesday, June 20, 2012 within which to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1197 and 1199 and current House document numbered 2909 relative to criminal justice training.

Under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently, Mr. Berry, for the said committees, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Timilty, and after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted. Sent to the House for concurrence.

Ms. Jehlen offered the following order:

Ordered, that, Notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10 the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs be granted until June 30, 2012 within which to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 275, 278, 282 and current House documents numbered 1096 and 1097 relative to elder affairs.

Under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently, Mr. Berry, for the said committees, reported, recommending that the order ought to be adopted.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Jehlen, and after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted. Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Order.

The following House Order (approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) was considered, as follows:

Ordered, that notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Financial Services shall be granted until Friday, May 11, 2012, within which to report on current Senate document numbered 868 and current House document numbered 1219. After debate, the order was adopted, in concurrence.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4068) of John J. Binienda for legislation to prevent illegal drug dealing near recreational facilities; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4069) John J. Binienda and Michael O. Moore for legislation to prohibit the towing of certain motor vehicles containing an unsupervised animal;

Severally, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Engrossed Bills.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Natick to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 3868) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

An engrossed Bill validating the actions taken at the annual town election in the town of Wareham (see Senate Bill, printed in House, No. 4032) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having voted in the affirmative, and signed by the President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Welch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on Senate, No. 2009, a Bill relative to the town of Essex (Senate, No. 2246).

The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in Third Reading to read as follows:

An Act authorizing the town of Essex to sell or lease certain real property at Conomo Point”.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Matter Taken Out of the Notice Section of the Calendar.

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Notice Section of the Calendar and considered, as follows:

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Harwich (House, No. 3504, changed),-- was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were considered, as follows:

The Senate Bill modifying the Pittsfield Economic Development Authority (Senate, No. 2178),-- was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Downing, and the bill was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Wenham to grant a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2231),-- was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Hanover to establish a Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund (House, No. 3502),-- was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Kennedy, and the bill was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: “An Act increasing the expenditure limit on the Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund in the town of Hanover”.

The Senate Bill authorizing governmental bodies to enter into contracts for the inspection, maintenance, repair or modification of water storage facilities (Senate, No. 2126),-- was ordered to a third reading. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr.

Donnelly, and the bill was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Brewer,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing if a calendar.

On motion of the same Senator, at a half past three o’clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M.