

Thursday, May 17, 2012.

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.

Guests of the House.

Prouty
High School
cheer squad.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and turned the gavel over to Representative Gobi of Spencer, who then introduced members of the David Prouty High School cheer-leading squad. They were the guests of the Speaker and Ms. Gobi.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Lauren
Claus.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Barrows of Mansfield, Poirier of North Attleborough and Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating Lauren Claus on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of America;

Lindsey
Claus.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Barrows of Mansfield, Poirier of North Attleborough and Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating Lindsey Claus on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of America;

Sean Cameron
Donovan.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Sean Cameron Donovan on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Christopher
Plimpton.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Christopher Lucas Plimpton on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Jared James
Spence.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Jared James Spence on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Florence A.
Dunn.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rushing of Boston) congratulating Florence A. "Flossie" Dunn for sixty years of service to the Boston musical community;

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

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Canton,—
Maresfield
Farm.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4103) of William C. Galvin (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the conveyance of a certain parcel of land in the town of Canton. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative DiNatale of Fitchburg and Senator Flanagan, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4104) of Stephen L. DiNatale and Jennifer L. Flanagan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the appointment of special police officers in the city of Fitchburg, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Fitchburg,—
special
police.

By Representative DiNatale of Fitchburg and Senator Flanagan, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4105) of Stephen L. DiNatale and Jennifer L. Flanagan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the reinstatement of certain employees of the police department of the city of Fitchburg;

Fitchburg,—
police.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

By Representative Benson of Lunenburg and Senator Eldridge, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4106) of Jennifer E. Benson and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish an energy efficiency fund in the town of Acton. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Acton,—
energy
fund.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2257) of Bruce E. Tarr and Harriett L. Stanley (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Groveland to provide for the construction and maintenance of a solar generating facility on land held for water supply and protection purposes, having been transmitted to the State Secretary (under Section 5 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws), which had been returned to the Clerk of the Senate by said Secretary with memoranda relative thereto, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Groveland,—
solar
generating
facility.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2266) of Theresa Murray and Thomas J. Calter for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Julie Nantais, an employee of the Department of Public Health. To the committee on Public Service.

Julie
Nantais,—
sick leave
bank.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2265) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation to designate the month of May as Blue Star Mothers Month. To the committee on the State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Blue Star
Mothers
Month.

Reports of Committees.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill) of George T. Ross and others relative to continuously monitoring the entrances, exits and common areas of all facilities operated under the authority of the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Developmental Services. To the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Facility,—
monitoring.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of George T. Ross and others relative to the placement of the children of corrections officers on the civil service eligibility list. To the committee on Public Service.

Corrections
officers,—
eligibility list.

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

Economic growth.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, that the Bill relative to infrastructure investment, enhanced competitiveness and economic growth in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4093), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefore a bill with the same title (House, No. 4107). Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means, with the amendment pending.

Air pollutants.

By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Public Health, on House, Nos. 1532, 2343 and 2905, a Bill relative to the public health effects of hazardous air pollutants (House, No. 2343, changed in line 26 by inserting after the word "source." the following sentence: "The department may adjust the fee upwards according to the consumer price index.").

Medical physics.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3515, a Bill relative to the practice of medical physics (House, No. 4097).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Correctional officers.

By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing the correctional officers' procedural bill of rights (House, No. 2139).

Indigents,—funeral costs.

By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Public Health, on House, Nos. 1537 and 2384, a Bill relative to realistic allowable costs for funerals of indigents (House, No. 4098).

Thomas P. Johnson,—retirement.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill providing for certain payment by the teacher's retirement system (House, No. 718).

Street lighting.

By Mr. Keenan of Salem, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on a petition, a Bill relative to street lighting (House, No. 868).

Robo-calls.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill restricting use and connection of automatic dialing-announcing devices (House, No. 870).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Construction,—retainage payments.

By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill concerning fair retainage payments in private construction (House, No. 1401).

Northampton,—charter.

By Mr. Kane of Holyoke, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, No. 4001, a Bill reestablishing a charter for the city of Northampton (House, No. 4102).

Patricia Chasse,—sick leave.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Patricia Chasse (House, No. 4094).

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

Recess.

At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until twelve o'clock noon; and at six minutes after twelve o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair. Recess.

Orders of the Day.

House bills
 Relative to Tisbury water supply system (House, No. 566); Third reading bills.
 To ensure adequate care of animals in cities and towns (House, No. 2326);
 Relative to down syndrome (House, No. 3825); and
 Relative to clear and conspicuous price disclosure (House, No. 4089);
 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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At nine minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.