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Monday, October 21, 2013.

Met at six minutes after 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).

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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Ipswich,-Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Ipswich on May 21, 2013 (House, No. 3717), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, October 18.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Guest of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced Duarte Freitas, President of the Regional Party, PSD-Azores. He was the guest of Messrs. Cabral of New Bedford and Silvia of Fall Fiver.

Resolutions

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives O'Day of West Boylston, Binienda of Worcester, Keefe of Worcester and Mahoney of Worcester) commending Notre Dame Health Care Center on providing twenty years of compassionate care;

Notre Dame Health Care Center.

Resolutions (filed Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Ruth M. von Kelsch on her one hundredth birthday; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Zlotnik of Gardner and other members of the House) congratulating Mount Wachusett Community College on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary;

von Kelsch. Mount Wachusett Community College.

Ruth M.

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. Speliotis of Danvers, 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:

By Representative Calter of Kingston and Senator Murray, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas J. Calter and Therese Murray for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Laureen Doolan, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Doolan sick leave.

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Gas tax,— Consumer Price Index.

Anne Fiesinger, sick leave. By Mr. Diehl of Whitman, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Geoff Diehl and others for legislation to repeal the linkage of the gas tax to the Consumer Price Index.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jay Livingstone and William N. Brownsberger for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Anne Fiesinger, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Fall River,—park land.

Authorizing the city of Fall River to use certain park land for combined sewer overflow control (Senate, No. 1851) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Sandwich, charter.

Belchertown,—

Amending the charter of the town of Sandwich (Senate, No. 1884) (on Senate bill No. 1792) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing the town of Belchertown to convey certain land (Senate, No. 1887) (on Senate bill No. 1752) [Local Approval Received];

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committees.

Disabled students,—objectives.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill to maintain short-term objectives for students with disabilities (Senate, No. 218), be scheduled for consideration by the House. Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Developmental disabilities,— adult services.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on Senate, No. 908 and House, No. 78, a Bill to permit the Department of Developmental Services [sic] provide services to adults with developmental disabilities (House, No. 3715).

Caregivers,—spouses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 73, a Bill regarding spouses as caregivers (House, No. 3716).

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

Capital facility repairs.

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 3335, a Bill providing for capital facility repairs and improvements for the Commonwealth (House, No. 3690). Read; and referred, under Rule 17G, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Military installations,— expansion.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, that the Bill encouraging the improvement, expansion and development of military installations in the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 3334), ought to pass with an amendment by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 3718). Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means, with the amendment pending.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill amending the preparation of certain ballots in the city of Boston (House, No. 616) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to convey certain land to the city of Newton (House, No. 3669) [Local Approval

Newton, land

Boston.ballots.

Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain state owned land to the city of Boston (House, No. 3673).

Boston,land.

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

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Orleans to grant an additional liquor license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3622) [Local Approval Received].

Orleans,liquor license.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill to ensure elected representation (House, No. 3422).

Ballots.vacancies.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robert K. Barry, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (House, No. 3668).

Robert K. Barry,sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Janet Soboleski, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 3682).

Janet Soboleski,sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Maritza Miranda, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 3693).

Maritza Miranda,sick leave

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

Engrossed Bills and Resolve.

Engrossed bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for April D. Robinson, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (see House, No. 3628);

Bills enacted.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Katherine Swearingen, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (see House, No. 3660); and

Relative to a lease agreement for land in the town of Tewksbury between the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance and the Tewksbury Hospital Equestrian Farm (see House, No. 3663, amended);

(Which severally originated in the House);

In respect to each of which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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Resolve passed.

The engrossed Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the feasibility of hosting the Summer Olympics in the Commonwealth (see Senate, No. 1840, amended) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Third reading bills.

Relative to the charter for the town of Harwich (House, No. 3577) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Extending sewer betterment repayments in the town of Easton (House, No. 3582); and

Reducing the sewer betterment interest rate on repayments in the town of Easton (House, No. 3583);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next sitting.

At twenty-six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.