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Massachusetts House Journal, November 12, 2009
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Massachusetts House of Representatives

2009 Regular Session

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).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Gracious God, our intention each day is to try to serve You, our families and our constituents to the best of our human ability. On occasion, we may fail to achieve our goal, but each day is a new day and a time for a new beginning. We believe that with Your assistance we can be successful in reaching our ideals. In dealing with each day's challenges, inspire us to select solutions and answers which are fair, right and just. Inspire us to be good and patient listeners to the concerns of people who look to us as elected representatives for help and consideration in these trying and uneasy times. May we be guided in our daily tasks and by the memory of great leaders of the past whose names are inscribed on the walls of this House. Teach us to continue to work and to plan to make our Commonwealth prosperous and family-friendly, so that future generations will enjoy the benefits which we have inherited.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and to their families. Amen.

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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Peterson of Grafton) congratulating Charles N. Bolack on the occasion of his recognition night by the town of Grafton; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable) congratulating John and Judith Vellone on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary;

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. Peterson, 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 Mr. Naughton of Clinton, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr., Christopher G. Fallon and Scott P. Brown relative to allowing video poker games in certain veteran organizations.

By Mr. Turner of Dennis, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cleon H. Turner and Robert A. O'Leary that the Department of Revenue be authorized to establish a sick leave bank for Laraine Nasif, an employee of said department.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Senate bills

Prohibiting the sale of lottery tickets on credit (Senate, No. 157) (on a petition); and

Further regulating public charities (Senate, No. 2117, amended 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 update forthwith the public charities laws, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.") (on House, No. 325);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Murphy of Burlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill preserving publicly-**assisted affordable housing** (Senate, No. 2190, amended) ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4335. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, then reported recommending that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House, with the amendment pending.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of the same member the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Honan of Boston, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill relative to clean energy (see House, No. 4253, amended), 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 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Melrose to establish traffic safety zones (House, No. 4055), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. 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.

At eight minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (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.