JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 13, 2014.

Met at eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Smizik of Brookline 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. Smizik), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Appointment to the House Committee on Rules.

The Minority Leader announced that, under the provisions of House Rule 18A, he had appointed Representative Vieira of Falmouth to the committee on Rules to fill the existing vacancy.

Appointments and Change to Joint Standing Committees.

The Minority Leader announced that, under the provisions of House Rule 18A, he had made the following appointments and change to joint standing committees:

That Representative Dooley of Norfolk had been appointed to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to fill the existing vacancy;

That Representative Vieira of Falmouth had been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Education and that Representative Dooley of Norfolk had been appointed to said committee to fill the vacancy; and

That Representative Cole of Peabody had been appointed to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to fill the existing vacancy.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford) congratulating Andrew T. Kerr on earning the Eagle Scout Award; and

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Orrall of Lakeville, Gifford of Wareham and Calter of Kingston) congratulating the May Flower Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons on the occasion of their one hundred and fifty continuous years of fellowship;

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

Petition.

Mr. Costello of Newburyport presented a petition (subject Joint Rule 12) of Michael A. Costello and Kathleen O'Connor Ives for legislation to authorize the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements and lease agreements to certain land and property in the city of Haverhill; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Haverhill,—land.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Exempting certain employees from the Northampton retirement system (printed as Senate, No. 1894); and

Third reading bills.

Relative to continuing education requirement for insurance producers (House, No. 880);

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 Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

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At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Smizik of Brookline being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.