

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

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.

Silent Tribute.

Boston
Marathon,—
attacks.

At the request of the Speaker and all members of the House, the members, guests and employees stood for a moment of silent tribute in recognition of the one year anniversary of the attacks at the Boston Marathon. The attacks claimed the lives of Krystle Campbell, 29, a restaurant manager from Medford, Lu Lingzi, 23, a Chinese national and Boston University graduate student and Martin Richard, an eight-year-old boy from the Dorchester neighborhood of Boston, and injured scores of innocent bystanders. Later, Sean A. Collier, 27, an MIT police officer, also gave his life in the line of duty.

On this one year anniversary the House of Representatives extended its prayers to the families of the victims, and to all those touched by those tragic events, and offered its highest praise to the emergency personnel and civilians who selflessly cared for the victims without regard for their own wellbeing.

Communication.

Dukes
County,—
technology
fund.

A communication from the Dukes County Registry of Deeds (pursuant to Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure for technological improvements from the County Registers Technological Fund [copies of the report were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law], was placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Children,—
special
commission.

By Ms. Andrews of Orange, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Denise Andrews for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the placement of children in the care, protection and custody of the Commonwealth.

Five Elements
Tai Chi.

By Mr. Ashe of Longmeadow, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian M. Ashe, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and David M. Rogers relative to designating Five Elements Tai Chi as the official Tai Chi form of the Commonwealth.

Justina
Pelletier,—
custody.

By Mr. Mirra of West Newbury (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lawrence Brennan relative to requiring the Department of Children and Families to immediately release Justina Pelletier from their custody to the sole custody of her parents.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill relative to subdivision bonds (Senate, No. 958) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Subdivision bonds.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill permanently establishing a state autism commission (House, No. 3777), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill relative to assisting individuals with autism and other intellectual or developmental disabilities (House, No. 4047). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Autism,—
commission.

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

Under suspension of said rule, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

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

By Mr. Costello of Newburyport, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 29, 724, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 837, 838, 839, 840, 842, 848, 849, 850, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 864, 865, 866, 868, 869, 885, 887, 889, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 904, 905, 906, 907, 909, 910, 912, 913, 914, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 932, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 951, 952, 953, 954, 957, 959, 960, 961, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 975, 978, 979, 980, 982, 983, 985, 987, 988, 990, 991, 993, 994, 997, 998, 999, 1000, 2861, 3344, 3345, 3391, 3425, 3507, 3542 and 3694, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning financial services (House, No. 4039). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. Financial Services,—
study.

Subsequently Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning financial services (House, No. 4039), reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration: Id.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 961) of Rhonda Nyman for legislation to waive bank fees for disabled persons; and Bank fees.

Deposits,—
regulate.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2861) of David M. Nangle and Thomas A. Golden, Jr., for legislation to further regulate deposits of certain public funds;

And recommending that the same severally be recommitted to the committee on Financial Services.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

Wrentham,—
charter.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill establishing a charter for the town of Wrentham (Senate, No. 2005) [Local Approval Received]; and

House bills

Subdivisions.

Relative to planning boards' approval of subdivision plans (House, No. 162);

Boston,—
wards, etc.

Regarding decennial division of ward and precincts in the city of Boston (House, No. 612) [Local Approval Received];

Voters.

Relative to specially qualified voters (House, No. 631);

Id.

Relative to absentee voting (House, No. 632);

Id.

Relative to voter registration for program participants (House, No.

Housing.

Relative to the Massachusetts Housing Authority (House, No. 1136);

Workers'
compensation.

Relative to the workers' compensation exclusion for business owners (House, No. 1704);

Personnel.

Related to personnel records (House, No. 1730);

Investing.

Authorizing municipal use of the prudent investor standards (House, No. 1830);

Choking.

Protecting the health and safety of people in restaurants (House, No. 1890);

Lead-based
materials.

Making technical changes regarding the use of lead-based materials in dwellings (House, No. 2026);

Veterans.

Providing for an exemption for certain paraplegic veterans (House, No. 2519);

Truro,—
housing.

Relative to property tax exemptions for rental properties in the town of Truro restricted as affordable housing (House, No. 2693) [Local Approval Received];

Flag
flying.

Relative to the flying of the flag of the Commonwealth at half staff on state buildings and installations (House, No. 2891);

Farm stores.

Relative to farmers' markets (House, No. 3745);

Dudley,—
reservists.

Authorizing the town of Dudley to grant property tax abatements to resident National Guardsmen and reservists who are serving on active duty in a foreign country (House, No. 3797);

Harwich,—
private ways.

Relative to the assessment of betterments for improvements to private ways in the town of Harwich (printed in House, No. 3869);

Salem,—
mayor.

Relative to the term of mayor of the city of Salem (House, No. 3915) [Local Approval Received];

Veterans.

Relative to tax abatements for disabled veterans (House, No. 3970);

Teachers.

Relative to the dismissal of teachers (House, No. 4011); and

Directory
assistance.

Regarding regulation of directory assistance (House, No. 4021);

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Engrossed Bills.

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Authorizing the town of Ipswich to grant certain retroactive real estate tax abatements (see Senate, No. 1910); Bills enacted.

Authorizing the town of Westport to lease a certain parcel of land (see Senate, No. 1961);

To create an annual service and volunteerism day (see Senate, No. 2071, amended);

(Which severally originated in the Senate); and

Relative to bullying in schools (see House, No. 3909, amended) (which originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Carmen Mahone, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 3981), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence. Carmen Mahone,—sick leave.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the town of Stoneham to grant five additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3786), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was considered. Stoneham,—liquor license.

Mr. Scibak of South Hadley then moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2015) with a further amendment, in line 3, by striking out the words “all alcoholic” and inserting in place thereof the words “wine and malt”. The further amendment was adopted.

The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

Recess.

At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at four minutes after one o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair. Recess.

Reports of Committees.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2033) of the House Bill financing improvements to the Commonwealth's transportation system (House, No. 3882), reported recommending passage of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4046), [Bond Issue: \$12,619,120,273.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Transportation,—financing.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the reported was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measure.

Transportation,—
financing.

The engrossed Bill financing improvements to the Commonwealth's transportation system (see House, No. 4046), 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 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Next
sitting.

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

At twenty-seven minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.