

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, September 11, 2014.

Met according to adjournment at one o'clock P.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.

Appointments to Special Commissions and a Steering Committee.

Foundation Budget Review Commission.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Representative Moran of Boston to serve as his designee on the Foundation Budget Review Commission established (under Section 124 of Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2014) to review the way foundation budgets are calculated and to make recommendations for potential changes in those calculations as the commission deems appropriate.

The Minority Leader announced that he had made the following appointments:

Metropolitan planning organizations.

That Representative Mirra of West Newbury had been appointed to the special commission established (under Section 30 of Chapter 79 of the Acts of 2014) to conduct a study of the metropolitan planning organizations;

Unemployment insurance.

That Representative Boldyga of Southwick had been appointed as his designee to the special commission established (under Section 75 of Chapter 144 of the Acts of 2014) to conduct an investigation and study of the activities and efficacy of the adjudication of unemployment insurance claims by the Department of Unemployment Assistance;

School libraries.

That Representative Vieira of Falmouth had been appointed to the special commission established (under Section 236 of Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2014) to investigate and study public school library programs;

Nonviolent substance abuse offenders.

That Representative Hunt of Sandwich had been appointed to the special commission established (under Section 42 of Chapter 258 of the Acts of 2014) for the purposes of investigating and studying the development of criteria for mandated treatment or monitoring of non-violent offenders with substance addictions and to expand effective, evidence based addiction treatment programs for nonviolent substance addicted offenders; and

Marine Fisheries Steering Committee.

That Representative Gifford of Wareham had been appointed to the Marine Fisheries Steering Committee established within the Division of Marine Fisheries (under Section 8 of Chapter 287 of the Acts of 2014) to coordinate a program for the marketing of seafood landed in the Commonwealth and to take other actions to increase consumer demand and preference for local seafood products, to support the Commonwealth's fishing and seafood industry and the residents and communities that benefit from these activities.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Canavan of Brockton) congratulating Scott Brendon Cleaves on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Scott
Brendon
Cleaves.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth) congratulating Brian Alexander Kelsey on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Brian
Alexander
Kelsey.

Ms. Hogan of Stow, 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 Ms. Provost of Somerville, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Mr. Markey of Dartmouth presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4458) of Christopher M. Markey (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Dartmouth; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Dartmouth,—
special
police.

Ms. Atkins of Concord presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cory Atkins for legislation to classify NBOMe as a controlled substance and establishing the penalty of the illegal possession of said substance; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Controlled
substance,—
classification.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Timothy Maxfield, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (Senate, No. 2369) (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.

Timothy
Maxfield,—
sick leave.

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

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

A Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the cutting, welding and hot work processes regulated by the state fire code (Senate, No. 2368) (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.

Fire code,—
study.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:—

September 11, 2014.

Honorable Robert A. DeLeo
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Room 356, State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Therese Murray, President of the Senate, has announced the appointments:

Assistant district attorneys, etc.

Senator William N. Brownsberger (pursuant to Executive Order 551 signed into effect on July 28, 2014) to the special commission to study compensation of assistant district attorneys and public defenders;

Juveniles,—murder.

Senator William N. Brownsberger to the Special Commission established (pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 189 of the Acts of 2014) to make an investigation and study to determine the usefulness and practicality of creating a developmental evaluation process for all cases of first degree murder committed by a juvenile;

Iraq, etc.—memorial.

Senator Michael F. Rush (pursuant to Section 4 of Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2014) to the Iraq and Afghanistan Memorial Monitoring Committee;

Inventory tax.

Senator Michael J. Rodrigues to the special commission established (pursuant to Section 235 of Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2014) to make an investigation and study on the inventory tax;

Foundation budget.

Senator Patricia D. Jehlen (pursuant to Section 124 of Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2014) to the Foundation Budget Review Commission; and

Broadband initiatives.

Senator Benjamin B. Downing to the special commission established (pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 287 of the Acts of 2014) to make an investigation and study relative to barriers and hindrances to the “last mile” connections to the broadband internet initiatives; and

Metropolitan planning.

That the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader, has announced the appointment of Senator Robert L. Hedlund to the special commission established (pursuant to Section 30 of Chapter 79 of the Acts of 2014) to make an investigation and study of the metropolitan planning organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. WELCH,
Clerk of the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

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

Senate bills

Rockport,—police chief.

Exempting the position of police chief of the town of Rockport from the civil service law (Senate, No. 2147) [Local Approval Received]; and

Needham,—bridge.

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Needham as the Reverend (Lt.) Daniel J. Kennedy, USN Memorial Bridge (Senate, No. 2170); and

House bills

Reforming the delivery of forensic mental health services (House, No. 4367); and Forensic mental health services.

Authorizing regularly-employed personnel in the City Clerk's Office in the city of Gardner to administer oaths and affirmations (House, No. 4394); Gardner,—oaths, etc.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of the same member, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on Senate, Nos. 28 and 30 and House, No. 106, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning behavioral and humane treatment issues (House, No. 4452). Behavioral and humane treatment issues,—study.

By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, Nos. 756, 772, 818, 819 and 820, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning miscellaneous environmental issues (House, No. 4453). Miscellaneous environmental issues,—study.

By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, Nos. 108, 110, 1740, 1773 and 3825, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Health Care Financing to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning health care financing matters (House, No. 4454). Health care financing matters,—study.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on Senate Nos. 613 and 619 and House, Nos. 1109, 1152, 1155, 1159, 3364 and 3392, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Housing to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning housing issues (House, No. 4455). Housing,—study.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on House, Nos. 14, 24, 477, 2345, 2346 and 2348, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning public service issues (House, No. 4456). Public Service,—study.

By Mr. Keenan of Salem, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on House, Nos. 2935 and 3385, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning telecommunications, utilities and energy issues (House, No. 4457) (report filed on June 6, 2014). Telecommunications, utilities and energy,—study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Ms. Hogan of Stow, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

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

Engrossed Bill.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Dartmouth to establish an enterprise fund (see House, No. 3623) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Kathleen
Restuccia,—
sick leave.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kathleen Restuccia, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 4381), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Michael J.
Macuch,—
sick leave.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michael J. Macuch, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4407), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The Senate Bill establishing the MetroWest commission on the status of women and girls (Senate, No. 1920, amended), 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 previously adopted by the House.

Order.

Next
sitting.

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 eleven minutes after one 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 Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.