

# JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, September 30, 2013.

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.

### *Resolutions.*

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

Ahmadiyya Muslims.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Galvin of Canton) congratulating "Muslims For Life" and the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA on a successful blood drive;

Crowley family.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Mahoney of Worcester, O'Day of West Boylston, Keefe of Worcester and Binienda of Worcester) congratulating the Crowley family on receiving the Father Michael Bafaro Humanitarian Award for their service to others;

Taunton,— Polish Club.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives O'Connell of Taunton, Haddad of Somerset and Orrall of Lakeville) celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the Polish American Citizen's Club of Taunton; and

Currie family.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Day of West Boylston) honoring the Currie family for their great contribution to the Worcester Community and to the Commonwealth;

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

### *Order.*

The following order (filed by Speaker DeLeo of Winthrop) was referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Ninth Norfolk Representative District,— time for election to fill vacancy.

*Ordered,* That the precept to be issued by the Speaker, under the provisions of Section 141 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, appointing a time for the election to fill the vacancy existing in the office of Representative in the General Court from the Ninth Norfolk District shall designate, Tuesday, January 7, 2014 as the time ordered by the House of Representatives for said election.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

*Communication.*

A communication from the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 5I(d) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting its semiannual enforcement and violations report of direct cash assistance within the Electronic Benefit Transfer Program; was placed on file. DTA,— EBT violations report.

*Annual Reports.*

Annual reports

Of the Group Insurance Commission (under section 21 of Chapter 32A of the General Laws) relative to vendor quality improvement activities for fiscal year 2013; and Group Insurance Commission.

Of the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (under Section 15 of Chapter 231 of the General Laws) relative to its activities for the fiscal year 2013 [including Financial Statements with Management’s Discussion and Analysis, dated June 30, 2013 and 2012] (copies were forwarded to the House committee on Ways and Means and the joint committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technology, as required by law); Life Sciences Center.

Severally were placed on file.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Bills

Relative to the oversight of inspections (Senate, No. 1868, amended in section 3, in line 9, by striking out the figure “2” and inserting in place thereof the figure “3” and by adding at the end of said section the following sentence: “The chief of the engineering inspection division shall hold a Massachusetts first class engineer’s license.”) (on Senate bill, No. 1181); and Inspections,— oversight.

Relative to Southern Middlesex County (Senate, No. 1870) (on Senate bill, No. 1477); Southern Middlesex County.

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 Ms. Gobi of Spencer, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, No. 749, a Bill authorizing the establishment of old growth forest reserves (House, No. 3670). Old growth forests.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to transfer [sic] the employees of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to the state employee’s retirement system (House, No. 2374). Franklin Regional Council of Governments.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 3503, a Bill relative to a Massachusetts Boston Strong license plate (House, No. 3664). Boston Strong,— registration plate.

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

By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, No. 3485, a Bill relative to the Cohasset Board of Sewer Commissioners (House, No. 3671). Cohasset,— sewer districts.

Holliston,—  
post-  
employment  
benefits  
fund.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Holliston to establish another post-employment benefits fund (House, No. 2303) [Local Approval Received].

Maureen  
Shaw,—  
death  
benefit.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing certain accidental disability retirement benefits for the widow of a former police officer of the city of Boston (House, No. 2475) [Senator Brownsberger dissenting].

Plymouth  
County,—  
pension  
funds.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Plymouth County Contributory Retirement System to issue pension funding bonds or notes (House, No. 3377) [Senator Brownsberger dissenting].

Mary  
Ford,—  
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Mary Ford, an employee of the Department of Corrections [sic] (House, No. 3620).

Katherine  
Swearingen,—  
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Katherine Swearingen, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 3660).

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

Pharmacy  
practice.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to pharmacy practice in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3548), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 3672).

Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Health Care Financing,— to amend the bill by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 3600),— and the amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, pending.

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

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Health Care Financing was rejected.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill (House, No. 3672) was ordered to a third reading.

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

Southborough.

Increasing the membership of the Board of Selectmen in the town of Southborough (House, No. 3551) [Local Approval Received];

Easton.

Reducing the sewer betterment interest rate on repayments in the town of Easton (House, No. 3583) [Local Approval Received]; and

Dartmouth.

Authorizing the town of Dartmouth to establish an enterprise fund (House, No. 3623) [Local Approval Received];

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

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

The Senate Bill extending the Environmental Joint Powers Agreement that created the A-B-C Stormwater Flooding Board (Senate, No. 1857); and

A-B-C  
Flooding  
Board.

House bills

Relative to sales and excise tax exemptions for disabled veterans (House, No. 2617);

Veterans,—  
tax exemptions.

Allowing disabled veterans and prisoners of war who lease motor vehicles to be exempt from excise tax (House, No. 3645); and

Veterans/POW,—  
tax exemption.

The Senate Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the need for accessible homes for the elderly, returning veterans with disabilities and families that include persons with disabilities (Senate, No. 1787);

Housing,—  
accessibility.

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

*Orders of the Day.*

The House Bill relative to the establishment of a special capital fund in the town of Acushnet (House, No. 3592), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time forthwith; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third  
reading  
bill.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next  
sitting.

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At a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.