

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, November 6, 2013.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., 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.

Statement Concerning Ms. Fox of Boston.

A statement of Mr. Mariano of Quincy concerning Ms. Fox of Boston was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement concerning Ms. Fox of Boston.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Fox of Boston, is unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to her attendance at a community meeting in her district. Her missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement Concerning Representative Hill of Ipswich.

A statement of Mr. Jones of North Reading concerning Mr. Hill of Ipswich was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement concerning Mr. Hill of Ipswich.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Hill of Ipswich, is unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due his hospitalization. His missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Special Recognitions.

Representative Martin J. Walsh.

During the session, the Speaker took the Chair, declared a brief recess and recognized Representative Martin J. Walsh of Boston, and, on behalf of the entire membership, congratulated him upon his recent election to be the next mayor of the city of Boston.

After remarks by the Speaker, Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea offered congratulatory remarks and introduced the mayor-elect, who addressed the House.

Distinguished guests.

Mayor-elect Walsh then acknowledged the presence of several distinguished guests, including his girlfriend, Lorri Higgins, State Auditor Suzanne M. Bump, Senator Anthony W. Petrucci and former State Senator John A. "Jack" Hart, Jr.

Representative Donald F. Humason, Jr.

The Speaker then recognized Representative Donald F. Humason, Jr., and, on behalf of the entire membership, congratulated him upon his recent election to be the next Senator from the Second Hampden and Hampshire District.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating Andrew Louis Lamoureux on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Andrew
Louis
Lamoureux.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) on the occasion of the dedication of the Henry "Hank" McDeed Circle in North Attleborough;

Henry
McDeed
Circle.

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

Communication.

A communication from the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 12(a) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting the Statutory Basis Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, was placed on file.

Statutory
Basis
Financial
Report.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Lewis of Winchester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3742) of Jason M. Lewis (by vote of the town) that the town of Stoneham be authorized to grant five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Stoneham,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3743) of Jason M. Lewis (by vote of the town) that the town of Stoneham be authorized to create a special fund for railroad right of way proceeds; and

Stoneham,—
rights of
way.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3744) of Jason M. Lewis (by vote of the town) that the town of Stoneham be authorized to establish a special fund for the collection and disposal of trash;

Stoneham,—
trash
collection.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.
Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William Smitty Pignatelli and others for legislation to establish a commuter pass program for users of the Massachusetts Turnpike; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Turnpike,—
commuter
program.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Mashpee to convey an interest in certain town owned land to the town of Barnstable (House, No. 3579), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Mashpee,—
land.

"SECTION 3. No document or instrument conveying any interest in the property described in section 1 shall be valid unless the document or instrument: (a) provides that the interest shall be held and maintained by the town of Barnstable solely for open space, conservation

Mashpee,—
land.

and passive recreation purposes, consistent with section 8C of chapter 40 of the General Laws and Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution; and (b) is recorded simultaneously with an order of taking of a conservation restriction by the department of fish and game over the property without compensation. The department of fish and game may obtain a conservation restriction; provided, that it shall be consistent with a previous order of taking by the department on adjacent lands, dated June 27, 2002 and recorded in the Barnstable county registry of deeds at Book 15305, Page 123.”

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Ipswich,—
tax
abatements.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1910) of Bruce E. Tarr and Bradford Hill (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Ipswich to grant certain retroactive real estate tax abatements, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Commission
on status of
children, etc.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1911) of Richard T. Moore, Michael J. Rodrigues, Katherine M. Clark, Michael O. Moore and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a commission on the status of children and youth. To the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

ATM's,—
safety.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1912) of Brian A. Joyce, Gale D. Candaras, Claire D. Cronin, Ruth B. Balsler and other members of the General Court for legislation to improve safety at automated teller machines. To the committee on Financial Services.

Animal
safety.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1914) of Bruce E. Tarr, Robert L. Hedlund, Richard J. Ross, Linda Campbell and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect animal welfare and safety.

Cynthia
White,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1915) of Thomas M. McGee and Steven M. Walsh for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Cynthia (Bouchard) White, an employee of the Trial Court; and

Courts,—
deputy
assistant
clerks.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1913) of Michael F. Rush for legislation for the designation of deputy assistant clerks of the courts;

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports of Committees.

Biosimilars,—
substitution.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill relative to the substitution of interchangeable biosimilars (House, No. 3734),— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Health Care Financing. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

<p>Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul R. Heroux, Leah Cole and Paul McMurtry relative to farmers. markets. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.</p>	<p>Farmers' markets.</p>
<p>Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael D. Brady and others for legislation to require that assault and battery of a police officer responding to criminal activity to be prosecuted as a felony;</p>	<p>Assault on police,— felony.</p>
<p>Petition (accompanied by bill) of Nick Collins relative to the appointment of deputy assistant clerks of the courts;</p>	<p>Courts,— assistant clerks.</p>
<p>Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul R. Heroux and others relative to increasing the fine for harming police dogs or horses; and</p>	<p>Police animals,— harming.</p>
<p>Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul R. Heroux and others relative to filing fees for appeals of civil motor vehicle infractions; Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.</p>	<p>Motor vehicle infractions appeals.</p>
<p>Petition (accompanied by bill) of Martin J. Walsh for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Chrystal Bonner, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services; and</p>	<p>Chrystal Bonner,— sick leave.</p>
<p>Petition (accompanied by bill) of Martin J. Walsh for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for India Haith, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services;</p>	<p>India Haith,— sick leave.</p>
<p>Severally to the committee on Public Service.</p>	
<p>Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul R. Heroux and others relative to the procurement of products or services by state agencies or authorities; and</p>	<p>Procurements.</p>
<p>Petition (accompanied by bill) of Bob Tallent for legislation to designate Bell's Seasoning as the official seasoning of the Commonwealth; Severally to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.</p>	<p>Bell's Seasoning.</p>
<p>Petition (accompanied by resolve) of Josh S. Cutler for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to vegetation removal by public utility companies. To the committee Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.</p>	<p>Utilities,— vegetation removal.</p>
<p>Petition (accompanied by bill) of Josh S. Cutler and others relative to learner's permits and junior operator's licensing. To the committee on Transportation.</p>	<p>Junior operator's licensing.</p>
<p>Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Rushing of Boston, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.</p>	
<p>By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Anne Fiesinger, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (House, No. 3725).</p>	<p>Anne Fiesinger,— sick leave.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Laureen Doolan, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 3738).</p>	<p>Laureen Doolan,— sick leave.</p>
<p>Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.</p>	
<p>Mr. Kafka of Stoughton for said committee then reported, in each instance, that the bills be scheduled for consideration by the House.</p>	
<p>Under suspension of the rules, 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.</p>	

Child suicide,— study.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on House, No. 417, a Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to child suicide (House, No. 3741). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Educator certification,— test feedback.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to providing feedback on educator certification tests (House, No. 419). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Bills enacted.

Authorizing the town of Avon to establish a Department of Public Works (see House, No. 3576); and

Relative to the Inspector of plumbing and Gas Fitting in the town of South Hadley (see House, No. 3578);

(Which severally 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.

Senate bills

Second reading bills.

Relative to the adjustment of disability retirement benefits payable to Lynn police officer Gregory LeBlanc (Senate, No. 1765); and

Relative to the granting of an easement at Rea’s Pond Sewer Pump Station in the town of North Andover (Senate, No. 1815, amended); and

House bills

To ensure elected representation (House, No. 3422); and

To strengthen campaign finance reporting requirements (House, No. 3719);

Severally were read a second time; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Recess.

Recess.

At ten 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 twelve minutes after one o’clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Engrossed Bill — State Loan.

Low and moderate income housing.

The engrossed Bill financing the production and preservation of housing for low and moderate income residents (see House, No. 3492, amended) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was put upon its final passage.

Bill enacted (state loan),— yea and nay No. 244.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a “loan” bill as defined by Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 151 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 244 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair,—

The Senate Bill fostering economic independence (Senate, No. 1806, amended) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

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independence.

After debate on the question on passing the bill, as amended to be engrossed, in concurrence, Representatives Diehl of Whitman and O'Connell of Taunton moved to amend it in section 4, in line 100, by inserting after the word "security," the words " , penalties for abuse or fraud associated with trafficking or fraudulent representation of need of transitional aid". The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant of Spencer then moved to amend the bill in section 4, in lines 98 to 102, inclusive, by striking out paragraph (t) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

"create a curriculum on personal financial literacy to be implemented in each department of transitional assistance office that shall include, at a minimum, the following: understanding loans, borrowing money, interest, credit card debt, and online commerce; rights and responsibilities of renting or buying a home; saving, investing and planning for retirement; banking and financial services; creating a budget and balancing a check-book; state and federal taxes; charitable giving; proper card usage, card and PIN security; advantages of having a bank account, available additional education and training resources and supports, local job opportunities and other topics as the department considers appropriate. All recipients of cash assistance benefits under emergency aid to elders, disabled and children and transitional aid to families with dependent children shall be required to complete the personal financial literacy curriculum within 270 days of receiving benefits."

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 42 members voted in the affirmative and 110 in the negative.

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 245.

[See Yea and Nay No. 245 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Ms. Cole of Peabody then moved to amend the bill in section 26 (as published), in line 409, by adding the following sentence: "Said departments and programs shall share information regarding cases of fraud committed by recipients." After remarks the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fattman of Sutton then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 29. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, the secretary of administration and finance shall study the administration and efficacy of the current benefit systems and programs in the commonwealth and the resource inputs of said benefit system and programs, including, but not limited to, the following: electronic benefit transfer, supplemental nutrition assistance program, section 8 housing, low Income home energy assistance program, extending the earned income tax credit, the extension of a child and dependent care tax credit, and any other programs deemed appropriate by the secretary that move individuals out of poverty and into situations of economic independence and autonomy. The study shall be

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conducted in consultation with the commissioner of the department of transitional assistance, the commissioner of the department of housing and community development and other executive agencies as the secretary deems appropriate. The secretary shall provide an opportunity for comments and input from members of the public and general court on or before January 1, 2014, provided that such opportunity shall include at least 1 public hearing. The secretary shall report on the findings of the study to the clerks of the house of representatives and senate and the house and senate committees on ways and means on or before April 1, 2014.”

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Provost of Somerville then moved to amend the bill in section 16, in line 324, by inserting after the word “department” the words “including, the amount of any scholarship”. The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. D’Emila of Bridgewater and Frost of Auburn then moved to amend the bill in section 10, in lines 149 and 150, by striking out the following: “within 3 months of being assigned a placeholder social security number” and inserting in place thereof the words “upon application”, and, in line 152, by inserting after the following: “106 CMR 320.620(A)” the words “or a victim of domestic violence who has a pending petition for legal status under the federal Violence Against Women Act; provided further, that a three month placeholder social security number shall be made available for applicants or recipients who are expecting mothers in the third trimester of pregnancy or a child under four months of age”. The amendments were adopted.

Mr. Cabral of New Bedford then moved to amend the bill in section 16, in line 281, by striking out the words “an accredited community college” and inserting in place thereof the following: “any 4 year degree granting higher education institution, community college”. The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Lyons of Andover and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 4 by adding the following paragraph:

“(v) annually, on or before March 1, file a report detailing the number of recipients exempt from having a photo ID on their EBT card and the reasons for said exemptions.”

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 30. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, and where federally permissible, the department of transitional assistance and the department of elementary and secondary education shall develop and implement a statewide system to verify school attendance.”

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Jones and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 16, in line 248, and also in section 17, in line 332, by inserting after the word “days”, in each instance, the following: “or 90 days in aggregate over the course of a calendar year”.

The amendments were adopted.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 5, in line 121, by striking out the word “available” and inserting in place thereof the word “reasonable”; and the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 31. The department of transitional assistance may access income and employment data from the Department of Revenue to track the outcomes of individuals served by the program, provided that the privacy of individual clients is maintained according to state and federal laws.”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Jones and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 11, after line 188, by inserting the following paragraph:

“The Commonwealth Corporation shall monitor the participation of applicants in the educational or training programs to which they are referred and the applicant shall provide documentation to the department of such participation.”.

The amendment was adopted.

Representative Kuros of Uxbridge and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 4, in line 87, by inserting before the word “accounts” the words “and a detailed list of reasons for expenditures from the”. The amendment was adopted.

Representative Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 32. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of transitional assistance shall issue a report to establish a cashless system by no later than January 1, 2019.”.

The amendment was adopted.

After debate, Mrs. O’Connell of Taunton and other members of the House moved to amend the bill in section 4, in line 94, by inserting after the following: “(A)” the following: “; provided further, said report shall include the number of SNAP and cash recipients with lawful permanent resident status less than 5 years.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mrs. O’Connell; and on the roll call 29 members voted in the affirmative and 123 in the negative.

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 246.

[See Yea and Nay No. 246 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

The same member and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 16, [A]in lines 259 and 260, and also in line 272, by striking out the words “spoke, to the extent feasible.” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the words “spoke. Case workers shall directly contact the employers on the list to verify all information provided by the recipient. All listings of online job applications shall be accompanied by a copy of the online job application.”.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendments, Mrs. O’Connell of Taunton moved to amend them by striking out the text contained therein [at “A”] and inserting in place thereof the following: “in lines 259 and 260 and also in line 272, by striking out the words ‘to the extent feasible’ and inserting in place thereof the words ‘shall provide copies of job applications’.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the further amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 37 members voted in the affirmative and 115 in the negative.

Further
amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 247.

[See Yea and Nay No. 247 in Supplement.]

Therefore the further amendment was rejected.

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The amendments offered by Mrs. O’Connell, et al, then also were rejected.

Mrs. O’Connell of Taunton and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 16, in lines 250 and 251, by striking out the sentence contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following four sentences: “Cash assistance may not be accessed or used in states other than Massachusetts and border states. The department of transitional assistance shall track, on a monthly basis, out of state card usage, excluding border states. The department of transitional assistance shall investigate and contact a recipient, whose card has been used out of state, excluding border states. The department of transitional assistance shall promulgate other necessary regulations in accordance with this section.”.

Amendment rejected,—yea and nay No. 248.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 37 members voted in the affirmative and 115 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 248 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Rule 1A.

The Chair (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) then placed before the House the question on suspension of Rule 1A in order that the House might continue to meet beyond the hour of nine o’clock P.M.

Rule 1A suspended,—yea and nay No. 249.

On the question on suspension of Rule 1A, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of said rule; and on the roll 124 members voted in the affirmative and 28 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 249 in Supplement.]

Therefore Rule 1A was suspended.

Mr. Toomey of Cambridge and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 33. Section 5M of Chapter 18 of the General Laws, as inserted by section 3 of chapter 161 of the acts of 2012, is hereby amended by striking subsection (f) and inserting in its place the following subsection:—

(f) A retail or wholesale organization owner who is convicted of organizational food stamp benefits trafficking and who also possesses a license to sell lottery tickets under sections 26 and 27 of chapter 10 shall have his or her license suspended for not less than two years and shall be referred to the director of the state lottery commission for possible further disciplinary action.”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 16 the following section:

“SECTION 16A. Section 32 of chapter 121B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary, an applicant for assisted housing under this chapter who is not eligible for federal assisted housing under 42 U.S.C. section 1436a shall not displace or be given priority over any applicant who is so eligible.”.

The amendment was adopted.

The Speaker being in the Chair,—

Mr. Mirra of West Newbury and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 12 the following section:

“SECTION 12A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a special commission to study and report on the feasibility of a tax credit for small businesses that hire Massachusetts residents who benefit from the comprehensive transitional assistance financial assistance program, pursuant to section 2 of chapter 18. The tax credit shall be conceptually modeled after the federal Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) which is set to expire on December 31, 2013. The commission shall consist of the following members: the commissioner of revenue, or a designee, who shall serve as chair of the commission; 2 members of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader; 2 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader; a representative of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation; a representative of the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center; a representative of the interests of benefit recipients who shall be appointed by the governor; and, a representative of the interests of small businesses who shall be appointed by the treasurer. The commission shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations, together with drafts of legislation necessary to implement those recommendations, by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and house not later than March 31, 2014.”

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 152 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Amendment
adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 250.

[See Yea and Nay No. 250 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill then moved to amend the bill in section 2A, in line 24, by striking out the figures “50,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures “100,000”, in line 28, by striking out the word “programs” and inserting in place thereof the words “, training, and education programs, including, but not limited to, the Precision Manufacturing Training Program”, and, in line 43, by striking out the following: “1 year” and inserting in place thereof the following: “270 days”;

In section 7, in line 129, by striking out the figure “2” and inserting in place thereof the figure “1”;

In section 9, in line 145, by inserting after the word “perjury” the words “; provided, however, for the purposes of verification, the department may accept other forms of documentation that include an employer’s federal employment identification number.”;

In section 10, in line 166, by inserting after the word “sources” the following: “and (viii) reports to case workers of potential fraud” and, in line 170, by striking out the words “as necessary” and inserting in place thereof the word “biannually”;

In section 16, in lines 252 to 255, inclusive, by striking out the paragraph contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

“Section 13. (a) During the initial qualification process for full cash assistance under Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children,

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all adult applicants who are not exempt from the work requirement shall be required to conduct an initial job search unless the applicant has good cause for not participating as determined by the department which may include disability; provided further, that an applicant shall not be disqualified from receiving temporary assistance during the cash assistance eligibility determination process.”, in line 263, by striking out the figures “30” and inserting in place thereof the figures “60”, and, in line 293, by striking out the words “re-apply for benefits at any time” and inserting in place thereof the words “apply for a continuation of benefits”;

Inserting after section 18 the following section:

“SECTION 18A. Subsection (b) of said section 110 of said chapter 5, as amended by section 308 of chapter 159 of the acts of 2000, is hereby further amended by striking out the words ‘provided, however, that the fair market value of any licensed motor vehicle does not exceed an amount determined by the commissioner in consultation with the secretary of the executive office of transportation and construction and the equity value of any licensed motor vehicle does not exceed \$5,000; provided, further, that any value in excess of said five thousand dollars shall be attributed toward said family’s countable resources’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:— provided, however, that an assistance unit shall be allowed 1 non-luxury vehicle the value of which does not exceed \$15,000; provided further, that any value in excess of \$15,000 shall be attributed toward the family’s countable resources; and provided further, that the commissioner, deputy commissioner or an assistant commissioner may grant a full or partial written waiver for a vehicle valued in excess of \$15,000 that the commissioner, deputy commissioner or assistant commissioner determines is necessary for a particular employment or family circumstance.”;

In section 20, in line 351, by inserting after the word “that” the words “meets or equals medical standards established by the department or”, in line 359 by inserting after the word “benefits.” the following sentence: “The department shall provide administrative assistance, if needed, to recipients required to apply for SSI.”;

In section 24, in line 389, by striking out the figures “12” and inserting in place thereof the figures “24”;

By striking out section 29 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 29. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a special commission to investigate and study how poverty in the commonwealth can be reduced by 10 per cent in the next 5 years and 20 per cent in the next 10 years by engaging the public, private and non-profit sectors drawn from all regions of the commonwealth and representing rural, urban and suburban populations.

(b) The investigation and study shall include, but not be limited to: (1) appropriate measures of poverty; (2) the root causes of poverty; (3) analysis of income inequality in the commonwealth, in particular examining the number of people and families in the commonwealth living below 200 per cent of the federal poverty level and the socio-economic challenges they face, while also calculating the number of people and families living at multiples above and below the federal

poverty level; (4) violence in urban areas, particularly gun violence, and its effect on youth, commercial activity, and job opportunities in the community; (5) the number and types of existing jobs and the economically competitive strengths of the commonwealth; (6) obstacles to job opportunities for the poor, including the ability to obtain adequate child-care; (7) barriers to education from pre-school through college and recommendations to remove barriers and increase education levels; (8) recent examples and categories of successful paths out of poverty for youth, families and neighborhoods; (9) successful approaches and innovative system change efforts to reduce poverty and violence within the commonwealth and throughout North America; and (10) recommended action by the public, private and non-profit sectors to achieve the poverty reduction goals stated above. The commission shall also produce data and estimates and shall conduct analysis on the potential long-term municipal and state government savings that would result from effective poverty reduction efforts throughout the commonwealth as the number of people in need of government safety-net spending is reduced. The commission shall establish a methodology for calculating annually relevant and appropriate metrics of poverty in the commonwealth.

(c) The commission shall consist of the following members: the governor, who shall serve as chair; the secretary of administration and finance, or a designee; the secretary of housing and economic development, or a designee; the secretary of health and human services, or a designee; 1 appointee to be chosen by the speaker of the house of representatives; 1 appointee to be chosen by the minority leader of the house of representatives; 1 appointee to be chosen by the president of the senate; 1 appointee to be chosen by the minority leader of the senate; 1 appointee to be chosen by the Massachusetts Mayors Association; 1 appointee to be chosen by the chair from a chamber of commerce in the commonwealth; 1 appointee to be chosen by the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, Inc.; 1 appointee to be chosen by the Retailers Association of Massachusetts, Inc.; 1 appointee to be chosen by the Massachusetts Non-Profit Network, Inc.; 1 appointee to be chosen by the Massachusetts Association for Community Action; 1 appointee to be chosen by the chair from a non-profit organization assisting low-income individuals and families; 1 appointee to be chosen by the Massachusetts AFL-CIO; and 1 appointee to be chosen from the Massachusetts Workforce Investment Board. The commission shall be staffed by a social impact consulting firm or a Massachusetts based philanthropic foundation through a procurement managed by the secretary of administration and finance.

(d) The commission shall report its findings to the general court, along with draft legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the report on or before September 1, 2014 with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on labor and workforce development, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies and the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means.”; and

Economic
independence.

By adding the following section:

“SECTION 35. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of transitional assistance shall study the feasibility of placing a cap on the total amount of benefits individuals and households may receive in the aggregate. In determining feasibility, the department shall determine the appropriate cap on benefits per individual and household.”

The amendments were adopted.

Bill passed to
be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 251.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence, the sense of the House taken by yea and nays, at the request of Mr. Conroy of Wayland; and on the roll call 152 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 251 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (Senate, No. 1806, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment [for text of House amendment, see House document numbered 3756].

Shellfish
reporting.

The House Bill relative to shellfish reporting (House, No. 776), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading be correctly, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Peake of Provincetown moved to amend it 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 establish forthwith a new time requirement for submitting reports relative to shellfish, therefore it is hereby, declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill House, No. 776, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Debt
management
services.

The House Bill relative to the licensing and supervision of debt management services (House, No. 3569, amended) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mrs. Haddad of Somerset,—

Next
sitting.

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

Accordingly, without further consideration of the remaining matters in the Orders of the Day, at twenty-three minutes after nine o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (the Speaker being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.